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Your info could be in the hands of thieves

Alberta government and business laptops stolen or lost • Information on 2,700 Albertans involved
Privacy commissioner angry over lack of use of security on portable devices that hold private information

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Such information about more than 2,700 Albertans has been stolen or lost, says Frank Work, the province's privacy commissioner, who says he can't believe that government and businesses aren't better protecting people's personal data.

"When I hear about breaches like this, all I can say is, 'Really?' Is there a need to put people through this when the information could easily be encrypted?" Work said in a release Thursday.

Alberta law requires businesses to notify the commissioner when personal information is lost. In the last month, there have been seven breaches involving a stolen or lost laptop or digital device.

"The most troubling" from the standpoint of identity theft involved a laptop belonging to a trust company that was stolen.

It contained information about 135 customers, including mortgage applications, names, addresses, social insurance numbers and credit bureau reports.

"That's the very foundation for identity theft. They've got your name, your social insurance number," said Wayne Wood, communications director for Work's office. THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ Will Franklyn, from left, Janna Kowalchuk and Emily Mattingsley enjoy the toasty warmth of a fire on 82 Street on Thursday.

HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Holiday cheer

About 60 people took part in the Miracle on 82 Street Thursday. An alley off 120 Avenue and 82 Street is known for crime, so a number of groups created a festive gathering place. Lights were hung, and hot chocolate and was enjoyed around a fire.

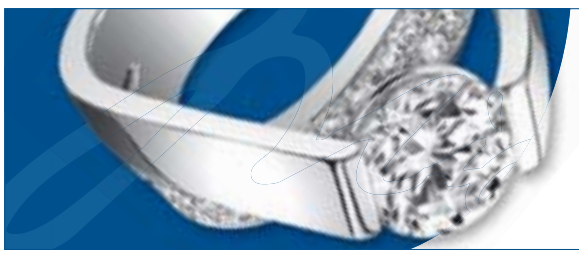
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Braidwood to spend holidays behind bars

An Edmonton Eskimos football player accused of assaulting his girlfriend and attacking another man will remain locked up after being denied bail.

Adam Braidwood, 26, isn't to be back in court until Jan. 13, and it wasn't clear Thursday what impact the bail decision would have on his career as a defensive tackle with the Eskimos.

Team spokesman Dave Jamieson said there was no immediate comment.

Braidwood, flanked by two security guards, his legs shackled, and dressed in a blue prison jumpsuit, looked straight ahead with no emotion when provincial court Judge John Henderson ruled that he should stay behind bars.

"This (case) gives me significant cause for concern," said Henderson, who had heard submissions from Crown and defence lawyers on the allegations and on Braidwood's personal circumstances.

None of those details can be reported due to a court-ordered publication ban.

Judges make bail decisions based on a number of factors, but focusing on whether the accused is a flight risk and whether public safety is jeopardized if the accused is released.

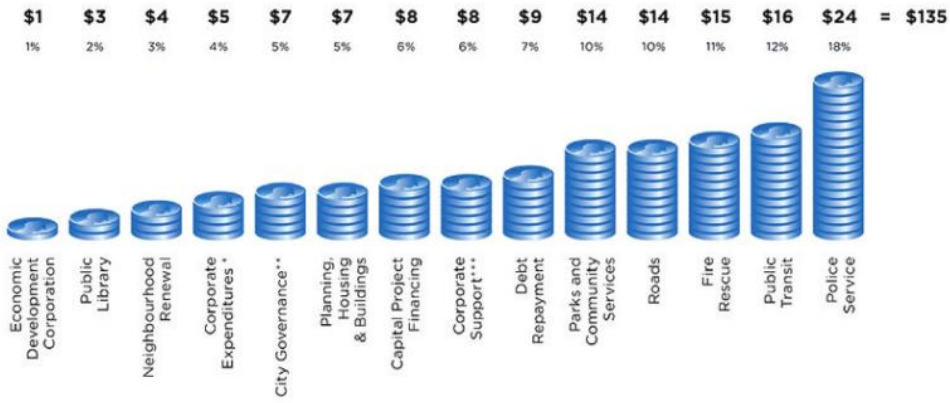
Braidwood's lawyer, Dan Chivers, declined comment outside court.

Braidwood's troubles began late last month, when a witness in Spruce Grove, west of Edmonton, saw three men attack another man in a parking lot and stuff him into the trunk of a car.

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Distribution of typical Edmonton household's municipal property taxes, per month



Notes:

This graph is based on net operating requirement, which is a combination of taxes and corporate revenues (excludes use fees)

* *Coorporate Expenditures includes Tax Appeals and Adjustments, Traffic Safety, Local Improvements, etc.*

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Hike settles at below 4%

City cuts back on proposed 5% increase ◐ 2.35% increase in civic services, 1.5% neighbourhood renewal make for 3.85% overall hike

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City hall is expecting more from Edmonton taxpayers in 2011.

City council approved a 3.85 per cent tax increase Thursday, and coupled with a utility hike, the average homeowner will owe $98 more in 2011.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said the budget shows council's desire to deliver services as well as fiscal responsibility.

"We didn't want to go away from our vision of improving neighbourhoods, which was substantially important, so we were able to shave a little bit off that in order to meet the needs of that program without cutting it back," he said, in reflecting on a reduction in the neighbourhood-renewal program.

The vote was 11-2, with councillors Kerry Diotte and Linda Sloan opposed.

"I think we really missed an opportunity here," said Diotte. "No budget should go beyond the rate of inflation. Unfortunately this one does."

Diotte's motion to cut $27 million out of the $1.8 billion budget was defeated last week — a move he said would have resulted in no tax increase at all.

Coun. Don Iveson strongly disagreed with Diotte's desire to go as low as two per cent.

"You can't just want money cut out of the budget and expect services to stay the same," he said.

Utility woes

- Utility fees, hiked approximately five per cent, need to be kept under control, according to Coun. Bryan Anderson.
- "Thirty-two per cent of the cost of running a home is because of utilities," he said.
- Mandel said that rewarding residents who put out less garbage or use less water would be something to discuss.

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Playground getting a second life

When the playground in Castledowns next to the YMCA came down in the summer to make a way for a new one, area residents decided it would be a shame to see it go to waste.

"Kids in parts of the world, they would go crazy to have a playground like that," said area MLA Thomas Lukaszuk, who was approached by resident Pat Zelenak with an idea.

The result is a team of 19 volunteers gathering this Saturday to pack a shipping container of playground equipment, tools, sporting goods and school supplies to Tarlac City in the Philippines, where they will head in mid-January to help build a playground.

Lukaszuk said the equipment is still in great shape. METRO

Fire ruins business

A fire that spread rapidly after a broken work light ignited gasoline has destroyed a farm equipment business east of Edmonton.

RCMP say two men were working on snowmobiles inside Mundare Farm Equipment Wednesday when fuel being drained from one of the machines was touched off. METRO

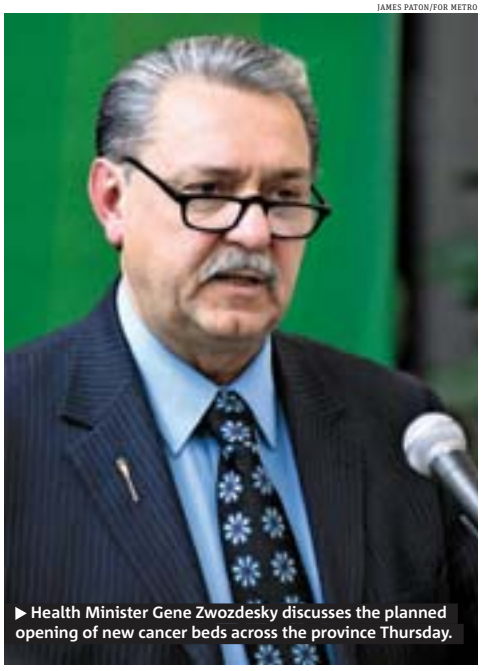
Crash spurs charges

A 24-year-old man is facing several charges after witnesses saw a car travelling over 100km/h along Jasper Avenue, eventually driving into an unoccupied Dodge Challenger, west of 111 Street.

The suspect's dog was in the car and killed instantly. Garth Schuck faces dangerous driving and cruelty to animal charges. METRO

New health funding addresses cancer care

JAMES PATON/FOR METRO



▶ Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky discusses the planned opening of new cancer beds across the province Thursday.

Total spending for health-care capital project plan now at $2.5B

Alberta will spend $1.3 billion over the next three years on health facilities in Calgary and Edmonton, including badly needed upgrades to cancer centres in both cities.

The funding announcement Thursday makes good on a political promise first made by the government in 2005.

"This funding boost will provide urgently needed capacity," Dr. Peter Craighead, medical director of Calgary's Tom Baker Cancer Centre, said Thursday.

Edmonton's Cross Cancer Institute will get a new CT scanner, a new radiation therapy machine and other upgrades.

There is also money to to upgrade the pediatric intensive care unit at Edmonton's Stollery Children's Hospital.

Cancer strategy

- Health Minister Gene Zwozdesky said the cancer care announcements will dovetail into a new provincial cancer-treatment strategy the government is developing that will help people with the disease get timely treatment, closer to home.
- The strategy is to be announced in the new year and will focus on prevention, treatment and research.

The health capital funding was approved earlier this year in the government's budget. Normally the projects would have been announced in the spring, but the spending plan was repeatedly delayed. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Security for drivers considered

Feedback on safety shields on Edmonton Transit System buses being gathered

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In the 33 years Ken Ltienc has been driving an Edmonton bus, he said he has experienced his fair share of incidents.

None of them, he said, have come close to comparing to what occurred Wednesday night when two men were arrested in the west end after assaulting a bus driver, or the brutal attack on driver Tom Bregg last December.

That attack has a man named Gary Mattson in court, possibly being determined a dangerous offender.

Safety shields were introduced to a handful of buses back in October, but Ltienc doesn't think they're necessary.

"You feel kind of closed in," he said. "Some drivers like to have contact with the public."

Patricia Dixon from ETS communicaitons said safety initiatives introduced in 2010 include eight new transit peace officers, an LRT emergency alert system, as well as a zero tolerance policy for such activity on any type of transit.



First Nations bands want veto power

80%

One elder with the Mikisew Cree band estimates that 80% of the band's traditional territory is inaccessible for weeks at a time during the spring and summer. Other lakes and creeks have simply gone dry.

Two aboriginal bands in Alberta say their treaty rights have been violated by industrial overuse of the Athabasca River and they want veto power over some new oilsands projects.

"When it comes to those concerns, that's pretty much what we're seeking — veto power in regards to development," said Chief Allan Adam of the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, located downstream of the oilsands in Fort Chipewyan.

"We want to have say in development in our region in regards to being sustainable."

The Athabasca Chipewyan and the Mikisew Cree made the claim Thursday after releasing a study documenting how low river levels restrict their ability to use their land, most of which can only be reached by boat.

Researcher Craig Candler interviewed a total of 27 members from both bands. He asked them a set of standard questions on how water levels and water quality have affected them. He heard that water levels have been declining for decades to the point that boats can longer get into many lakes and tributaries that used to be productive hunting and fishing grounds.

"If people can't move around their territories, they cannot practise their traditions or their rights," he said.

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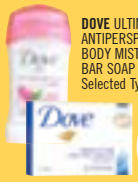
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Horse 'had hole in its head'

Local veterinarian tells court of wide-reaching infection ◗ Raid on farm finds dogs, rabbits, horses and pigs living in distress, court hears ◗ Woman charged over protection act

A veterinarian says a horse on an Alberta woman's property had a hole in its head from an infection.

Patricia Moore, 39, is charged under the province's Animal Protection Act.

About a year ago, Mounties raided a home near Carrot Creek and found dogs, rabbits, horses and pigs living in distress.

A local veterinarian testified Thursday that the horse's head was so infected it caused a hole in its head.

The veterinarian also testified that rabbits and pigs were living on several inch-thick layers of excrement.

There was very little food and water when police searched the property.

Moore is representing herself at her trial this week.

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Funding for future transit discussed

107 Transportation and public works committee decided yesterday that council should debate the west LRT line to see if 107 Avenue would be a better route than Stony Plain Road, despite a vote on the corridor two years ago.

After approving a 10-cent increase, hiking transit fares to $2.85 next year, council will hear today about different funding options to help fast-track the LRT expansion.

And one includes more money from riders.

The three options being brought forward are a 0.5 per cent tax increase for seven years starting in 2012, a 25-cent fare surcharge and using money from provincial tax fuels.

Coun. Don Iveson, who thinks the surcharge, if considered, should only be for LRT users, brought the issue of fares to the table during budget deliberations, though withdrawing a motion to keep them status quo.

"The price says don't just try this. Don't use it casually," said Coun. Don Iveson.

"I've always been pushing for a smart card, more innovative fares."

He thinks shorter rides in off-peak hours should cost less, and some transit users agree.

"I don't think they should do that because I have to come up with an extra dime now," said Joe Gladue, adding he would likely pay $3 for a bus ride because of it.

Others, like Gary Kay, said fare increases and ticket surcharges are the way to go as opposed to an increase in taxes.

HEATHER McINTYRE

Syncrude plan will stay

Alberta's energy watchdog says it won't reverse its approval of Syncrude's plan to manage harmful waste from its oilsands mines.

In August, environmental groups challenged the Energy Resources Conservation Board's decision to give the thumbs-up to Syncrude's tailings plan.

ERCB chairman Dan McFayden says the tailings rule allows for flexibility in some cases.

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Angry mob attacks Prince Charles' limo

Heir to the throne keeps his royal cool, pushes wife to the floor of car

Prince Charles in his tuxedo looks anxiously ahead as a protester's fist pounds on his car.

His wife Camilla's mouth opens in shock.

These are the dramatic images captured as student protesters vented their anger on the most elite of targets — a car containing the heir to the throne.

The couple were heading to a London theatre Thursday when their Rolls Royce met a volatile gang of demonstrators.

The royal Rolls was attacked with fists, boots and bottles.

"Off with their heads!" the mob chanted.

20 Up to 20 attackers surrounded Charles' limousine and pounded it with fists and bottles, smashing a window and splashing the car with paint.

The protesters had broken off from a large student rally and were spreading mayhem among Christmas shoppers.

They broke a Starbucks window and overturned a couple of postcard stands.

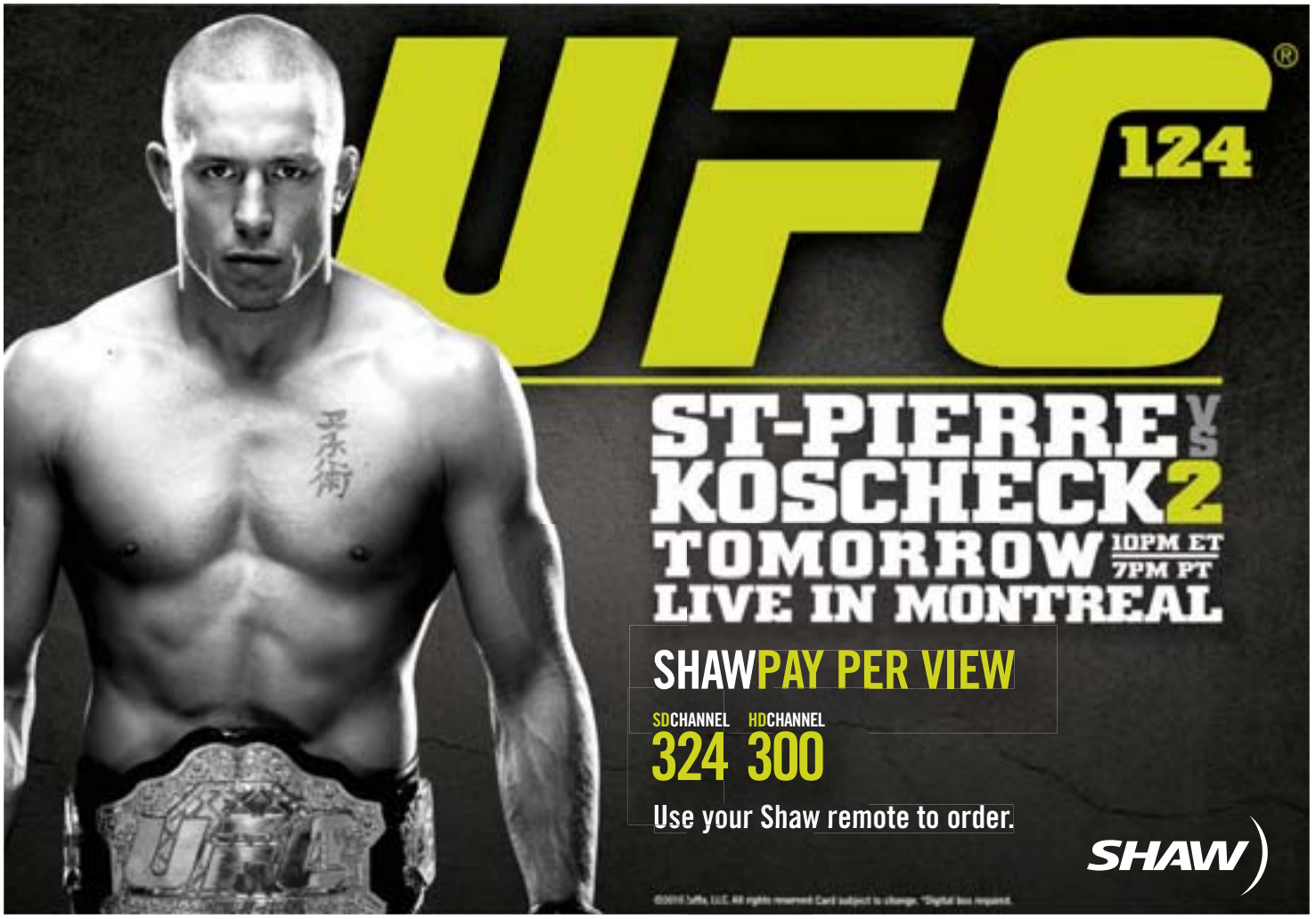
After a few chaotic minutes, the the royal couple's car managed to drive off. They were unhurt.

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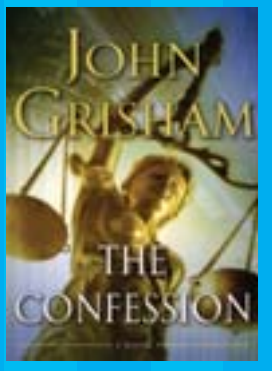


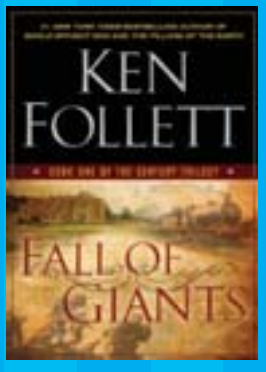
▶ Camilla and Prince Charles express shock Thursday as angry student protesters attack their car in London. Charles kept calm, a witness said, and gently pushed his wife toward the floor to get her out of the line of fire. British Prime Minister David Cameron called the security lapse "shocking and regrettable."











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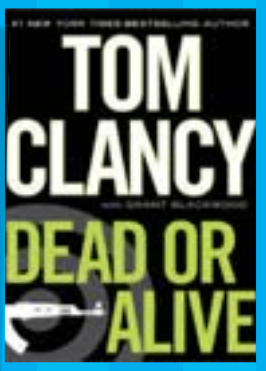
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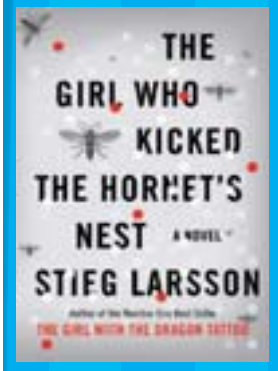
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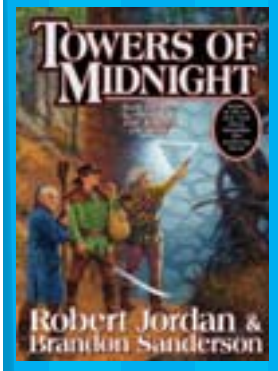
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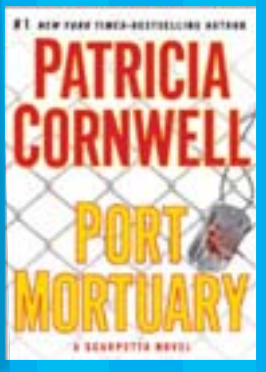
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Protesters cry out for Nobel winner's release

Liu Xiaobo, a literary critic and democracy activist, is serving an 11-year sentence on subversion charges

Pro-democracy advocates marched on the Chinese Embassy in Oslo on Thursday, demanding that China release imprisoned Nobel Peace Prize winner Liu Xiaobo.

Chanting "Freedom to Liu! Freedom for China!" about 100 protesters tried to deliver a petition with more than 100,000 signatures urging the dissident's release from a Chinese prison before being diverted by police away from the embassy gates.

The protest came on the eve of the Nobel prize ceremony, where the 54-year-old Liu will be represented by an empty chair. Friday will be the first time the peace prize will not be handed out since 1936, when Adolf Hitler prevented German pacifist Carl von Ossietzky from accepting the award.

Chinese authorities have placed Liu's supporters, including his wife, Liu Xia, under house arrest to prevent anyone from picking up his prize.

China was infuriated when the prestigious $1.4-million prize was awarded to Liu, describing it as an attack on its political and legal system.

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Democracy

In Beijing, China handed out its newly inaugurated Confucius Peace Prize to former Taiwanese vice-president Lien Chan.

- **Protest** The award was hastily created as a riposte to the Nobel, which is going to Liu Xiaobo this week.
- **Censorship** Several news websites, including the BBC's and Norwegian broadcaster NRK's, were blocked in China, apparently to blot out any negative coverage.

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▶ Protesters demand the freedom of Nobel peace laureate Liu Xiaobo yesterday outside the Chinese Embassy in Oslo, Norway.

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Facebook boss pledges to give back

Those who join group commit to donate at least half their wealth before or after they die

Another 17 of America's richest people, including Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg, junk bond pioneer Michael Milken and AOL co-founder Steve Case, have pledged to give away most of their wealth.

They are the latest to join the Giving Pledge, an effort led by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and investor Warren Buffett to commit the country's wealthiest people to step up their charitable donations.

They've now signed up 57 people and their families.

The list also includes New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, CNN founder Ted Turner and film director George Lucas.

Each person who chooses to pledge makes their statement publicly, unveiling a letter explaining their decision.

The group describes itself as a moral commitment to give, not a legal contract.

It does not involve pooling money or supporting a particular set of causes or organizations.

Of the latest names added to the list, Mark Zuckerberg stands out. Only recently coming into his fortune, he is certainly one of the Pledge's youngest members.

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▶ Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg recently joined the Giving Pledge group.

Girl drives home safety message

A young New Brunswick girl whose parents were killed four years ago in an accident involving an impaired driver is making a public plea for people not to drink and drive.

Sixteen-year-old Kali O'Dell says people need to make smart choices because such an accident could happen to them. This was part of Thursday's launch of Operation Christmas — a campaign by RCMP to reduce highway fatalities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drunk driving

So far this year, 73 people have been killed on roads in New Brunswick patrolled by the RCMP, up from 57 in 2009.

▶ **Increase from last year** Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in 40 per cent of the fatalities this year in New Brunswick compared to 25 per cent last year.

Politics turn nasty in B.C. riding

Both sides in the bid to recall B.C. Science and Universities Minister Ida Chong are accusing each other of a dirty tricks campaign in the southern Vancouver Island riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head.

There are threats of a boycott and legal action, following a break-in at Chong's anti-recall campaign office, which was also vandalized. Two windows were damaged, but nothing was taken.

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60 The recall campaigners have 60 days to collect more than 15,000 signatures from eligible voters in order to force a byelection in Ida Chong's riding.



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Hackers, UN back WikiLeaks

- UN official calls online skirmish 'cyber war'
- Analyst 'surprised at how effective' hackers have been

WIKI LEAKS

Skirmishes raged across cyberspace Thursday between WikiLeaks supporters and the companies they accuse of trying to stifle the group, with websites on both sides of the battle taken out of service or choked off by attacks.

The UN's top human rights official raised the alarm over officials' and corporations' moves to cut WikiLeaks's funding and starve it of server space — something she described as "potentially violating WikiLeaks' right to freedom of expression."

Navi Pillay, the UN high commissioner for human rights, was surprised at the scale of the online attacks that have targeted major American financial players — in some cases denying access to their websites for hours at a time.

WikiLeaks has been under intense pressure since publishing U.S. State Department cables, with attacks on its websites and threats against its founder, Julian Assange, who is now in a British jail fighting extradition to Sweden on sex-crime allegations.

MasterCard Inc., Visa Inc., Amazon.com, PayPal Inc. and EveryDNS have cut ties with WikiLeaks due to U.S. government pressure, which has hurt WikiLeaks' ability to accept donations and support publishing efforts.

Analyst Paul Mutton said the number of computers spewing out spam went to 2,000 Wednesday from 400 — relatively small numbers, he said, but still apparently enough to overwhelm MasterCard and Visa.

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"Hacktivists"

Retaliatory attacks — which WikiLeaks says it does not sanction — have been claimed by a loose-knit group who gather under the handle "Anonymous."

- They're using a modified version of software generally used to conduct "stress testing" on websites, according to Paul Mutton, an analyst with London-based Internet research and security company Netcraft, which is tracking the attacks.

Soldiers. Shipping off



▶ Canadian Forces Cpl. Jonathan Chabot of the Royal 22nd Regiment enjoys a moment with six-month-old daughter Lea-Rose at CFB Valcartier before leaving on a mission to Afghanistan Thursday. Peace talks with the Taliban will lead to disaster unless the insurgent group is disarmed first, Afghanistan's former intelligence chief said yesterday.

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Father and daughter share a moment

N.W.T. facility closing

The Department of Justice says a three-year review of programs and facilities has led to its decision to close a female young-offender facility in Inuvik, N.W.T.
A news release said in 2010-11, the average youth in custody each day is less than one. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Let them eat cheese, district says

An Ohio school district facing a deficit says students and staff behind on lunch bills are being served cheese sandwiches until they're paid up.
It's bread, cheese, fruit cups and milk for those who owe more than $10.
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Site loses Beatle battle

A website that sold songs by the Beatles for 25 cents more than a year before legal digital copies were available is liable for copyright infringement, a U.S. federal judge has ruled.
How much the site owes in damages wasn't addressed.
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Freedom of the press?

Supreme Court lifts reporting ban on murder case

The publication ban that kept the outcome of a high-profile Ontario murder trial under wraps for months sounded alarm bells for legal observers across the country and resulted in the secret conviction of a troubled teenager, experts said Thursday.

The ban was enacted in a Woodstock, Ont. courtroom April 30 when Terri-Lynne McClintic pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in Tori Stafford's death and was sentenced to life in prison.

The lawyer for McClintic's co-accused, Michael Rafferty, sought to maintain the ban, arguing it was needed to preserve his client's right to a fair trial.

FAMILY HANDOUT



▶ Tori Stafford and her brother Daryn

The resulting restrictions forbid the press from reporting any details about the proceedings, including that they took place at all. This drew condemnation from six of Canada's prominent media outlets.

A judge lifted much of the ban in May, but reporters remained bound by the earlier one while counsel sought leave to appeal the matter to the Supreme Court of Canada. Thursday the court declined to hear that appeal, delivering what media lawyer Iain MacKinnon described as a "qualified victory" for freedom of expression.

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India. Prayer



▶ Sadhus, or Hindu holy men, sit during a prayer meeting in memory of the victim of Tuesday's blast.

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United in peaceful protest

Police have questioned two brothers for their alleged involvement in the blast which killed a toddler and triggered a stampede that injured dozens of people in the holy Indian city of Varanasi, India.

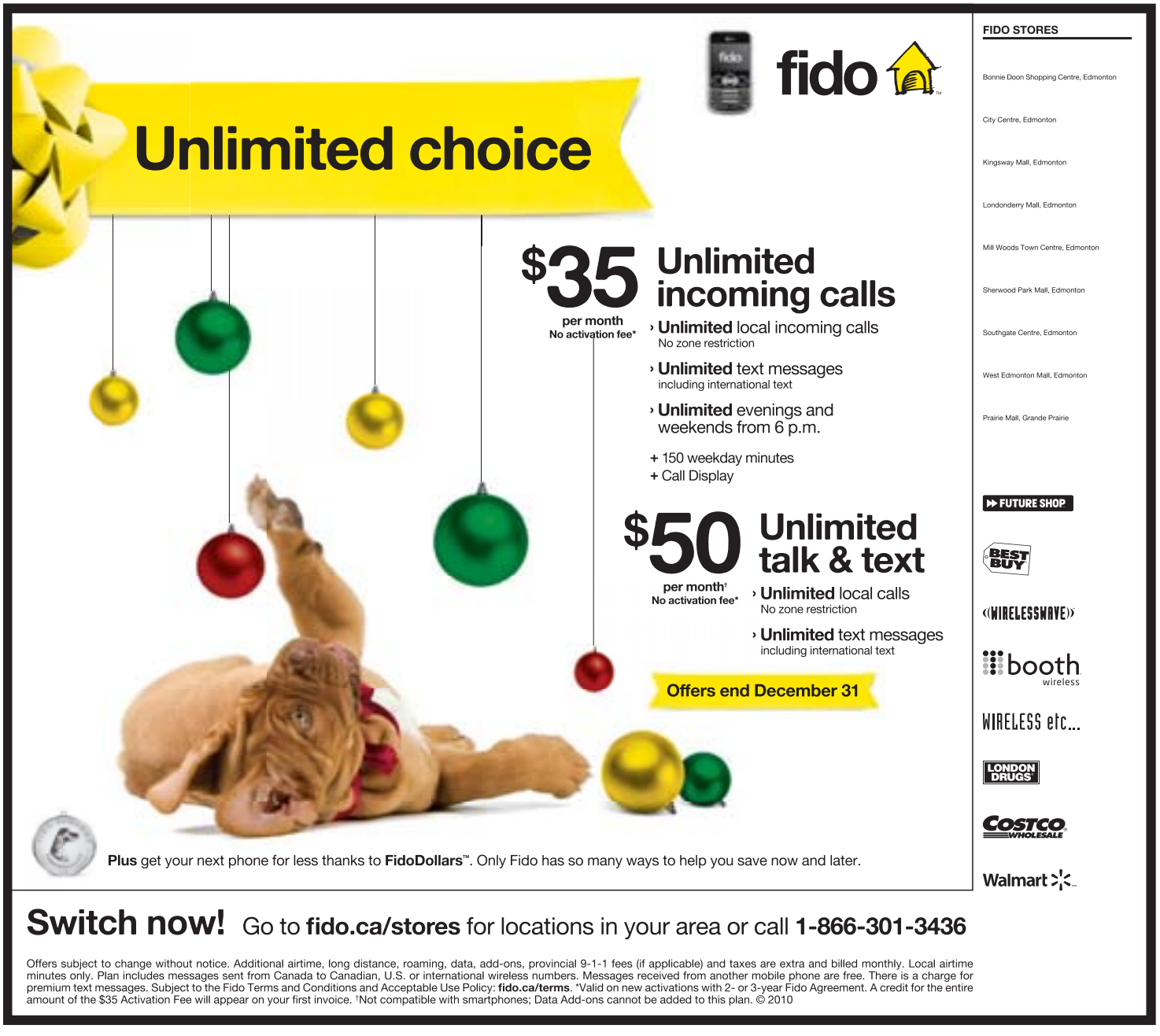
No 'green' Christmas

German police say an "old hippy" is facing possible prosecution for his version of the, ahem, highest Christmas tree — a festively decorated two-metre tall marijuana plant.

Koblenz police said officers raided the apartment of the 58-year-old man following a tip Monday and uncovered a cache of 150 grams of marijuana.

Then in the living room they discovered the tree — a pot plant adorned with Christmas lights and presents under it at Christmas.

Schomisch said that authorities "had to destroy this pre-Christmas dream." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



▶ Adam Nobody, centre, got an apology from Toronto's police Chief Bill Blair over his G20 beating.

SIU gets officers' names

Special Investigations Unit resumes its probe into protester's G20 injuries ◐ Spokesman says police investigators identified 14 officers who were in the area ◐ Toronto Police Service also conducting internal inquiry

The names of 14 Toronto police officers have been given to the Special Investigations Unit as it probes injuries a man suffered during his arrest at the G20 summit.

A protester named Adam Nobody, 27, suffered a facial fracture below his right eye during his June 26 arrest at a demonstration at the Ontario legislature.

Images published on Wednesday show Nobody being beaten with a baton by an officer in riot gear while being held on the ground by several officers.

The SIU resumed its probe last week after initially closing the case, saying there appeared to be an excessive use of force but the officers involved couldn't be identified.

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The party's over, all is forgiven

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▶ Jim Morrison

This is the end for the wild concert 41 years ago that left Jim Morrison marked with what today would be considered sex offender status.

Florida's Clemency Board, egged on by departing Gov. Charlie Crist, pardoned The Doors' long-dead singer Thursday on indecent exposure and profanity charges stemming from the show.

Some people who were at the Miami concert March 1, 1969, insist even today that he exposed himself, though others in the audience and Morrison's bandmates contend he was just teasing the crowd and only pretended to do the deed.

Crist, tuned in to the controversy by a Doors fan, said there was enough doubt about what happened at the Dinner Key Auditorium to justify a pardon.

The board, which consists of Crist and a three-member cabinet, voted unanimously to pardon Morrison as it granted several other pardons Thursday.

At the hearing, the governor called the convictions a "blot" on the record of an accomplished artist for "something he may or may not have done."

He said Morrison died before he was afforded the chance to present his appeal, so Crist was doing that for him. Board members pointed out several times that they couldn't retry the case but the pardon forgave Morrison and negated his sentence.

"In this case the guilt or innocence is in God's hands, not ours," Crist said.

Morrison had received a six-month jail sentence — never served — and a $500 fine for the 1970 convictions. Morrison's appeals were never resolved. He was found dead in a Paris bathtub in 1971 at age 27.

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Calgary Sally Ann not Harry Potter fans

The Salvation Army says a decision by its Calgary branch not to hand out toys that it feels promote black magic, the occult and vampires is not a national policy.

Among the donated toys not being given away to needy Calgary teens are Harry Potter books, action figures and DVDs, along with Twilight merchandise — all big hits with many youngsters this time of year.

Capt. Pam Goodyear, an Alberta spokeswoman with the Christian-based charity, said the decision came after a "significant" number of complaints from parents whose children have received such gifts in their hampers in previous years.

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Book bashing?

J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books have been criticized by some Christian and Muslim groups who feel the story has undertones of occultism.

- **The Twilight Series** has also faced some religious objections.
- **The American Library Association** put the series at No. 5 on its list of books with the most formal complaints in 2009.

Number of moms in workforce surges

- Majority of women still work traditional jobs
- Impact of economic downturn less severe for women

A new study has found the percentage of mothers who work despite having young children has more than doubled in a little over three decades.

Statistics Canada says the employment rate for women with children under the age of three was 64.4 per cent last year, more than twice the proportion of 27.6 per cent in 1976.

In 2009, 72.9 per cent of women with children under the age of 16 living at home were employed, nearly twice the rate of 39.1 per cent recorded in 1976.

StatsCan says about 8.1 million women worked last year, or 58.3 per cent of Canada's working-age females — markedly less than the 65.2 per cent of men.

Last year, 67 per cent of employed women worked in teaching, nursing and related health occupations, clerical or other administrative positions, or sales-and-service occupations.

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Wage mystery

A report released by TD Bank in October found women who leave work to have children tend to experience an unexplained but persistent three per cent-wage penalty per year of absence.

Bolivia. Big stink



▶ Women walk by bulls sitting in the street that were left there by protesting butchers, yesterday, in La Paz, Bolivia, the world's highest "de facto" capital city.

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Butchers take stand on sanitation

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Fired for Facebook

- Lawyer says 'plenty more' such cases to come
- Postings made while pair of employees at work

Add Canada to the list of places where Facebook can be hazardous to your employment status.

Two workers at a B.C. car dealership were sacked for what they wrote about their employer and their managers on Facebook. And the B.C. Labour Relations Board has upheld their dismissal.

The incident, which occurred in Pitt Meadows just west of Vancouver, is believed to be the first such case in Canada.

"It's the first Facebook case that has made it to hearing at least," said Donald Richards, the lawyer who handled it for the employer, but he added there are likely plenty more to come.

"I think they're in the hopper now."

In this case, the two employees left few defamatory stones unturned. One or the other slagged their employer, accusing the business of being crooked, accused managers of performing homosexual acts together and mused about committing acts of violence against them.

"I think I was fortunate in the sense that I had pretty extreme facts," said Richards.

In addition, some of the posts were made from computers at the business and one of the managers in question was a Facebook "friend" of the two, at least for part of the time in question.

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Different rules?

The fact this happened on Facebook, and not in person on the workplace floor, doesn't change things, suggest experts.

- "It's too easy for people to say anything goes here," said Randall Craig, a consultant and author of the recently released Social Media for Business.

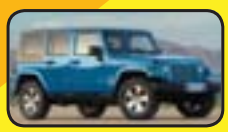
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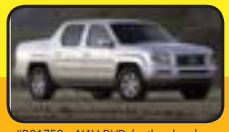

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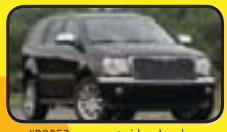

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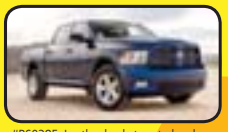

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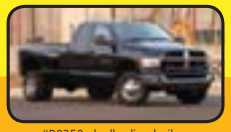

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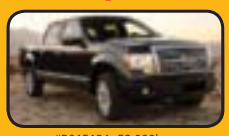

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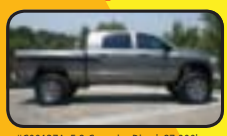

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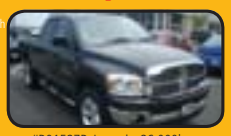

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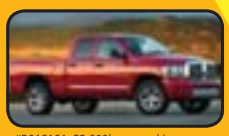

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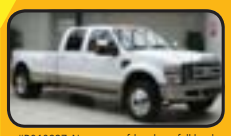

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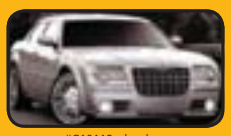

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Women fared better during recession

More than 55% of doctors, dentists were women in '09, compared to 47 per cent in '99: StatsCan

Women fared better during the recession, thanks to a pattern of employment in industries less susceptible to economic shifts and an increasing presence in high paying professions.

When it comes to employment numbers women were hit less hard than men during the economic downturn. They also continued to hold far more part-time jobs than men, but made significant gains in professions where they would earn a higher paycheque.

In 2009, the employment rate for women was 58.3 per cent, a one per cent dip from a historic high of 59.3 per cent in 2008. By comparison, in 2009 the employment rate for men was 65.2 per cent, a 2.9 per cent decline from the previous year.

The jobless rate for women was still high, hitting seven per cent in 2009, the highest since 2003. For men it reached 9.4 per cent in 2009, the highest rate since '96.

The statistics were laid out in a released portion of Women in Canada: A Gender-based Statistical Report, from Statistics Canada tracking women's status in the labour market back to 1976.

The report showed that women dominate in service industries, including health care and social assistance, and educational services, where employment continued to grow. Women held 67 per cent of teaching, nursing and related health positions in 2009.

Women continued to make gains in higher paid professions, accounting for 51 per cent of business and financial professionals in 2009, up from 49 per cent in 1999. Eric Kam, an associate professor of economics with Ryerson University said women tend to fall into "job ghettos" on both the high and low end of the pay scale. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Professions

The report showed that women dominate in service industries, including health care

- Men continue to dominate sectors hit hardest during the downturn.
- These include goods-production, mainly manufacturing, construction and natural resources.

Shredded. Cash

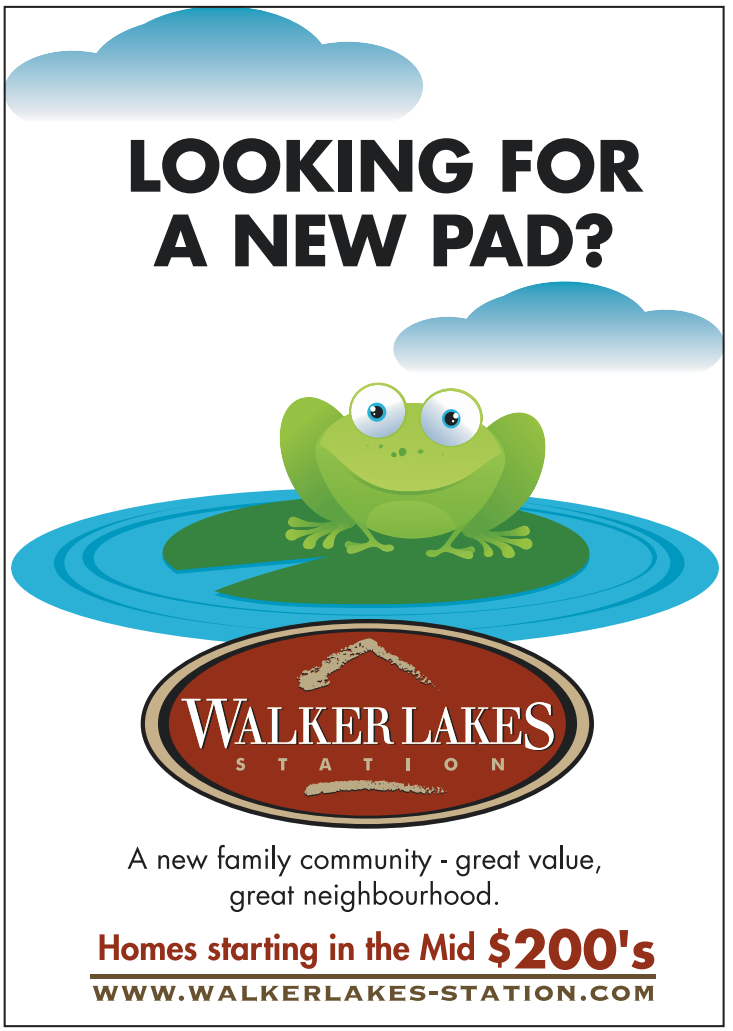


▶ Taiwan's Investigation Bureau employee Liu Hui-fen displays pages of thousands of tiny pieces of New Taiwan 1,000-dollar note bills that she patched together worth in total 200,000 New Taiwan dollars ($6,600), on Thursday in Taipei, Taiwan.

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Patching it together

A Taiwan businessman, who only gave his surname Lin, accidentally dumped a plastic bag containing 200 bills in $1,000 denominations into a scrap machine. He later went to the Investigation Bureau where Liu works for help.



Market moment

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Lululemon shares jump

Shares of Canadian yoga clothing retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. surged more than 14 per cent Thursday as the company said new product lines and strong Web sales helped third-quarter results soar past analyst expectations.

Earlier Thursday, the company reported that its net profit rose to $25.9 million or 36 cents a share for the period ended Oct. 1. That's compared to earnings of $14.1 million or 20 cents a share for the same period in 2009.

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More nurses needed: Report

Canada's nursing workforce has grown significantly in the last five years but still falls short of the level the profession had achieved two decades ago relative to the population, says a report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

The CIHI report shows Canada gained more than 27,000 nurses between 2005 and 2009, bringing the total of regulated nurses to about 348,500 — a nine per cent increase.

Over the same period, the country's population grew by five per cent.

Statistics show there are actually fewer registered nurses today relative to the size of the population than there were 20 years ago.

In 1992, there were 824 RNs for every 100,000 Canadians, compared to 789 per 100,000 in 2009.

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Cameron signs on for 3-D project

A group of entertainment heavyweights including Cirque du Soleil and Canadian director James Cameron have formed a partnership to produce theatrical 3-D projects.

Shrek director Andrew Adamson and Reel FX Entertainment are also part of the 3-D partnership.

A news release from the partnership says the first project, a story written by Adamson, is in production.

Avatar director Cameron will be executive producer and will bring his unique 3-D expertise to the project.

Reel FX and Cirque du Soleil Images are the production partners.

The partnership say the film — yet-to-be-named — is based on the premise that there are worlds beyond dreams, illusion and imagination, where human beings are capable of anything.

"Shooting with the Cirque du Soleil team has been one of the most enjoyable experiences of my professional life," Cameron said in the release.

"It's a unique opportunity for me, and my 3-D partner Vince Pace, to bring the Cirque du Soleil experience to a worldwide audience through the magic of 3-D cinema."

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▶ Director James Cameron, left, and Cirque du Soleil founder Guy Laliberté

Presidential. Dispute



▶ Buyers look on as boys sort tuna and other fish by size and type at a fishing port in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Wednesday.

REUTERS

Business as usual during dispute

Top UN envoy in Ivory Coast Choi Young-jin said Wednesday that opposition leader Alassane Ouattara had won the disputed presidential election by an "irrefutable margin" as the international community stepped up pressure on incumbent Laurent Gbagbo to concede defeat. Despite ongoing tension and fears of unrest, many businesses and schools began opening again on Wednesday.

Economy leaves youth behind

Canada's falling unemployment rate is hiding an unpleasant truth — tens of thousands are leaving the labour market in frustration, and none more so than young workers.

Last week's labour force survey for November presented a distorted hall-of-mirrors picture of employment — with the jobless rate falling to a two year low of 7.6 per cent on the strength of little job creation.

For young workers in the 15 to 24-year-old category, the picture was even more distorted — the unemployment rate plummeted from 15 per cent to 13.6 per cent with virtually no new jobs added.

The mathematical disconnect comes about because Statistics Canada does not measure the number of workers against those who want jobs, but against those who are actively looking for work. There have been fewer of those.

Young people are leaving the labour force in droves. According to the agency, the youth participation rate is the lowest in over a decade.

What's more, while the economy has created over 440,000 jobs since the recession there are 228,000 fewer young people employed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Risks

Canadian Auto Workers economist Jim Standford says there are risks if youth continue to remain unemployed.

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Cyclical unemployment caused by a recession could become a permanent state of affairs for some workers.

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▶ Investment banker Steve Losty headed the top Movember fundraising team on the planet, narrowly shaving rival Australia for first place.

5 MINUTES WITH: STEVE LOSTY

The CIBC investment banker out-'stached the competition by corralling his team — and, by extension, Canada — to raise the most money for Movember.

Congratulations! That's got to feel good.
Yeah, I mean this is the third year we've done it and CIBC is pretty charity-focused, but this was a relatively new one for us. I think it opens up the idea of charity to that 25- to 35-year-old male who's probably not a big United Way giver, for example, but who would get behind something like this.
What do you think propelled your team to first place?
I think it's just numbers. We had something like 260 people participating so the more people you get, the more the fundraising dollars go up. Rick McCreary was our top fundraiser and a lot of his fundraising was through the clients he's worked with over the years who are probably right in the demographic of those affected by this disease.
How did you rally everyone on your team to the top?
Harassed them (laughs). We've got some great, creative folks in our marketing group that sent out some funny weekly updates. And a big thing on Bay Street generally is rankings; who's raising more money than who. So we did have a lot of friendly competition as well, and that was a good way of motivating people to raise more.
Be honest: Which one of you grew the best 'stache?
You know, Rick's was pretty good. We haven't actually awarded the best 'stache, we'll probably do that later.
How did your 'stache stack up?
It wasn't that great. I got hooked up to Canada AM last week for the shave down, so I had to get it shaved off on TV, which was pretty embarrassing. All for a good cause, though.
Best part of the experience for you?
The best part is knowing we raised a lot of money for a good cause and played a part in growing the campaign. Last year it raised $8 million in Canada and this year it looks like it's heading toward $21 million.
Any plans to go to (second-place) Australia just to gloat?
(Laughs) No, not yet. I think some of the Australian firms like Macquarie have started to step it up into corporate dollar matching because I think they were a little irritated not having raised the most. ● JORDANA DIVON

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER



Adding colour to politics

Letters & Tweets

We asked: What do you think about Don Cherry getting involved in politics?

TORONTO. Don Cherry involved in politics? If Don had brains he would really be dangerous. He doesn't like French hockey players, Russian hockey players and Swedish hockey players all being "unCanadian." Who does he like? Anyone with pockets full of cash, and the little guy, or pinkos as he calls us, are we not supposed to have an opinion that differs from his? The word democracy is not in his vocabulary.

To remind Don, a little man called Tommy Douglas was voted the most famous Canadian by Canadians and Don, you weren't even close on the ballot. Pinko beats out sour Grapes. J. CONNELLY

TORONTO. The taxpayers of Toronto were offended by seven years of inefficiency and abuse on our quality of life by a left-leaning council (a.k.a. left-wing pinkos). Don Cherry gave a three-minute speech, which has no legislative impact and the sensitive residual left-wing councillors are offended? Get over it.

I was at city hall and the crowd laughed at Cherry's speech and moved on. The last council did harm to us, Don Cherry's speech has not. And I ride a bicycle! MICHAEL N.W. BAIGEL

Right on!

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Metro Minute at holiday train stop

The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will make a stop in Edmonton today, coming to a halt just south of the Edmonton CP station at 7935 Gateway Blvd.

The holiday train, in its 12th year, collects food and monetary donations for food banks as it travels across the country. To date, in Canada and the U.S., $4.8 million and 2.3 million pounds of food have been collected.

The train should roll into the Edmonton around 8:30 p.m., but all times are approximate so make sure to arrive early.

Upon arrival, there will be a box car stage and entertainment courtesy of alternative rock band The Odds. ● HEATHER MCINTYRE

Three days to play

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE 3.85 PER CENT TAX INCREASE?



Kane Fry
EDMONTON
If the money is being used to make the community better, it's good. Neighbourhood redevelopment is really good, even 118 Avenue is looking better.



Nicky Trott
EDMONTON
The utilities are too much. We used to live in a house in St. Albert and utilities were $700 or $800 per month. That's why we're living in an apartment. I think they should bring rebates back.



▶ Jeff Bridges stars in Tron: Legacy, which opens next Friday.

After 28 years, Tron nets Bridges again

Actor impressed, intimidated by the technology used to let him play his younger self ◐ Tron: Legacy pushes boundaries like its predecessor

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Although 28 years have passed between Tron and the new Tron: Legacy, it didn't exactly feel that way for star Jeff Bridges. "It's like we had a long weekend and we're just back doing the same work. It's crazy," he says. Yet Bridges says making the decision to return to the computerized world of Tron wasn't easy — but then no decision is for him.

"I have a lot of hesitation making any kind of decision in my life. I'm really slow at it," he says. "My mother says that I have abulia. It's like a mental disorder, I guess — having difficulty making decisions."

One of the factors aiding Bridges' indecision was the technology used in the new film, which like its predecessor pushes the technical boundaries of filmmaking. "With this one, I thought, Oh God, are they going to pull it off?" Bridges says.

The most high-profile technical trick on display involves Clu, one of the two characters Bridges plays in the film — only Clu looks like the actor did decades ago. The filmmakers used the techniques that made Brad Pitt age in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button to rejuvenate Bridges. It's something that leaves Bridges' mind blown, to put it lightly.

"I thought we could use a modern-day myth about the challenge of technology and how we're going to surf that particular wave." JEFF BRIDGES, ON THE MESSAGE THE FILM CARRIES.

"It's wild to be able to go back there and play different ages. It opens up a whole world," he says. "And they'll be able to combine actors. I don't know quite how I feel about this, but that's coming up, too. Just to say, you know, 'Let's get Boxleitner and Bridges, and put a little Brando in there. See what happens.' And then they can hire some other actor to drive that image that they've created. It's getting pretty crazy."

So does that mean he'll now be competing with younger co-stars like Garrett Hedlund for roles? Because certainly they'd take issue with that. The idea makes Bridges laugh. "No, I haven't thought about that," he says. "That's funny."

Of course, Bridges sees Tron: Legacy as more than just a movie, even a technologically groundbreaking one.

Where's Oscar?

Life changing. Jeff Bridges' Academy Award win earlier this year for Crazy Heart has certainly changed his life, but he's just not sure how yet. "I think it has, but I haven't really figured that out entirely, because about a day after the Oscars I went right to work on True Grit," he says. As for where to put the little gold guy, the preternaturally playful actor had one idea that has yet to come to fruition. "They didn't really do this, but I thought it would be fun. I was going to ask my wife or my kids or whoever, 'Take this and hide it at different spots in the house. We can discover it,'" Bridges says with a grin.

2 scene

News in brief



Howard Stern says he's staying with SiriusXM Radio. The loose-lipped shock jock announced Thursday that he has signed a new five-year contract. No other terms were initially disclosed. Stern had been locked for months in stormy negotiations as his original five-year deal, worth $500 million, neared its end just days from now. Earlier this week, he declared in salty terms on his radio show that he would not accept a pay cut if he stayed.
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Google users in Canada and across the world love searching for everything Justin Bieber



Timberlake gets geeky

- Actor-musician loved getting back to his childhood favourite
- Enjoyed working with Aykroyd


▶ Justin Timberlake does the voice of Boo Boo in Yogi Bear, which comes out next Friday.

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN LOS ANGELES

Justin Timberlake is quickly learning that to properly express how he feels about his turn as soft-spoken sidekick Boo Boo in the new Yogi Bear movie, he'll have to let his nerd flag fly.

"At the risk of ruining my social life," he begins cautiously, "I would entertain my parents by imitating Scooby Doo and Boo Boo – all the cartoon voices. You know that about me now, which is weird."

After impressing critics earlier this year in The Social Network, Timberlake was happy to take on something a little simpler.

"I did a film about the birth of social networking, and it drove me crazy even being a part of that movie," he says. "It's way beyond my brain span."

The combination of live action and animation in Yogi Bear means Timberlake's job was all in the recording studio, and it hasn't escaped him that he and Dan Aykroyd, who voices Yogi, had the easier job in the film, compared to his flesh-and-blood co-stars.

"Anna (Faris) and Tom (Cavanagh), they had way harder jobs than we did," he says. "I've never worked in that way where you're looking at tennis balls or leaves as reference points."

The key to nailing Yogi and Boo Boo's chemistry was to go against the traditional process for animated films, in which the actors come in one by one to record their parts. Instead, Timberlake and Aykroyd worked together.

"We had two or three sessions together because we really did see this as a Batman and Robin — if you will — sort of duo," Timberlake says. "It really made a difference with the rhythm of the banter between Yogi and Boo Boo. It was a very cool collaboration. We had a lot of fun doing it."

But while his job consisted of hanging out in a recording studio goofing off with Aykroyd, there was still actual work to be done.

"Getting the voice of Boo Boo, I had someone on hand with the old '60s and '70s cartoons and I would sit there and listen to it in between takes and before we would start our sessions," he says. "It would take me 15 to 20 minutes to really get — this is all really boring, geeky vocal stuff — but to get your palate to the right level of the character. So after the first 20 minutes, I would go back and re-record everything we'd done in the first half hour because you just get in the pocket of the tone and inflection."

Timberlake stops, shaking his head. "I'm really killing any sort of coolness I had before I got here," he says.

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THE '80S HAD SOME GREAT KIDS' FILMS

Once upon a time Disney had a corner on the kid's action adventure market. Sunday at six was reserved for the Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color and for a couple of hours once a week, movies like Race from Witch Mountain, Kidnapped and Treasure Island mixed plucky kids, mild action, exotic locations and lots of adventure.

The genre hasn't gone away. New movies like this weekend's The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader still give kids a thrill ride, but I still get a nostalgic kick out of older, simpler action adventure flicks.

Though it wasn't a Disney film, The Goonies breathes the same air as Walt's kids classics. The adventure begins when a group of kids calling themselves The Goonies find One-Eyed Willy's treasure map. Sprinkle in some crazy inventions, a baddie played by Throw Mama from the Train star Anne Ramsey, a title track by Cyndi Lauper and Spielberg-esque storytelling and you have one of the best loved kids romps from the 1980s.

Speaking of Spielberg, without his ET we wouldn't have had Flight of the Navigator. After ET's successful mix of kids and aliens a whole slew of movies tried to cash in on that formula. The story of a 12-year-old boy who disappears, only to return eight years later without having aged a day had it all: intelligence, a glib navigational computer and a cameo by Sarah Jessica Parker as a NASA orderly with punk rock pink hair.

Two other early '80s fantasy adventure films feature wild creatures and magical lands, a perfect combo for a classic adventure.

In The NeverEnding Story, a young hero must save his country, Fantasia, from something even worse than an evil king. He must stop a creeping wave of nothingness. It may be the most existential kids movie ever, but woven into the fabric of the story are cool characters like the Rockbiter and Gmork the evil wolf.

Perhaps the best, although most underrated fantasy film is 1982's The Dark Crystal. Directed by Muppet master Jim Henson, the film sees a Gelfling setting off to find the missing piece of a magical crystal in order to restore to his world. This masterful kid's movie is finally getting a much deserved sequel in 2011.

Movie review See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

The Tourist should have stayed home



The Tourist
Genre: Action/Thriller
Director: Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck
Stars: Johnny Depp, Angelina Jolie and Paul Bettany
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After his blistering 2007 drama The Lives of Others, anytime German director Florian Henckel von Donnersmarck makes a movie, this critic stands at full attention. Shame then that his splashy Hollywood debut The Tourist is so crushingly inert, a pretty, high gloss dud that exhibits little of the sizzle that made Others such a visceral ride.

Johnny Depp dials it down as a nebbishy math teacher vacationing abroad, who brushes up against (there are worse fates) smoldering British she-spy Angelina Jolie and gets himself deeply mired in a convoluted plot involving Russian baddies and government secrets all set against the always gorgeous, cinema-friendly backdrop of Venice. It's a romantic action caper flick that has no fire lit under it, coasting on its star power and offering few — if any — genuine thrills or intrigue. Still, as flawed as it is, there is a certain meandering fascination to the picture and it might actually play better on the home screen on a lazy Sunday afternoon, when expectations are nil and interrupted by the odd nap.

CHRIS ALEXANDER



The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader
Genre: Fantasy
Director: Michael Apted
Stars: Georgie Henley, Ben Barnes
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At 113 minutes, the third big-screen adaptation of C.S. Lewis's Narnia book series may be the franchise's most adroit, but the brevity is not without its cost. When young Lucy and Edmund Pevensie (along with their perpetually annoying cousin) are sucked back into Narnia, they set forth on an island-hopping quest for magical swords that will save the fantastical world from doom. Simple enough, but with seven sabers and a schooner-load of adventures to be had, director Michael Apted overloads the film by attempting to fit everything in, stifling its momentum.

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▶ Anne Hathaway and Jake Gyllenhaal star in the emotional comedy Love & Other Drugs.

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Due Date (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:05-7:40-10:10
Faster (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed 12:25-2:55-5:25-10:25 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:25-2:55-5:25-7:55-10:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:05-3:30-6:30-10
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Tangled 3D (G) No Passes, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30
The Tourist (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Tue 12-2:35-5:10-7:45-10:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12-2:35-7:45-10:20
Unstoppable (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Wed 12:20-3:5:30-8-10:40 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Thu 12:20-3-10:40

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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 3:50-4:20-6:35-7-9:15-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-1:30-3:50-4:20-6:35-7-9:15-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:50-5:20-7:50-8:20
Due Date (14A) Fri 4:40-7:20-9:55 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:20-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:40
Faster (14A) Fri 4:50-7:05-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:50-7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:25-6:30-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:25-6:30-9:35 Mon-Thu 4:45-8
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri 4:30-7:10 Sat-Sun 12:50-4:30-7:10 Mon-Thu 5:40
Megamind (G) Fri 4:05-6:40-9 Sat-Sun 12:45-4:05-6:40-9 Mon-Thu 5:15-7:40
Tangled 3D (G) Fri 4:15-6:45-9:10 Sat-Sun 1:40-4:15-6:45-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:7:30
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-6:50-9:25 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:10-6:50-9:25 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:10-8:10
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 8:25

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Burlesque (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:50
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:30 No Passes Wed 3:45-6:45-9:30 No Passes Thu 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3:10-6:10-8:50 No Passes Mon 3:10-6:10-8:50 No Passes Tue-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:10-8:50 No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20
Due Date (14A) Fri 2:20-5:15-7:50-10:15 Sat 5:15-7:50-10:15 Sun-Thu 2:20-5:15-7:50-10:15
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:50-5:30-8-10:25
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-8:15 Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:50-10:10
It's a Wonderful Life (STC) Sun 1
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:15-10:05
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Sat 1-3:40-6:35 Sun 3:40-6:35 Mon-Tue 1-3:40-6:35 Wed-Thu 1-3:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Carlo (STC) Sat 10:30
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Thu 9:40
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Thu 3:15-9:10
Tangled (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:30-9
Tangled 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:40-5-7:30-10
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Wed 4:50-7:40-10:30 No Passes Thu 1:50-4:50-7:40-10:30 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tron: Legacy (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-6:40

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Nowhere Boy (14A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Sun 2-7-9 Mon-Tue 7-9 Wed 9 Thu 7-9
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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:20
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:20-6:45-9:45
Due Date (14A) Fri 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:45 Sat 1:40-4:20-7:40 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:40-10:45
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-5:8-10:45
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Wed 12-3:30-7-10:30
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Tue 11:30-3-6:30-10 Wed 6:30-10 Thu 11:30-3-6:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10:10
Megamind 3D (G) Fri 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20 Sat 1:45-4-6:30-9:20 Sun-Tue 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20 Wed 12:30-3:10-9:20 Thu 12:30-3:10-6:30-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Carlo (STC) Sat 10:30
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sun-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Tangled 3D (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:30
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri-Tue 1-4-7:20-10:15 No Passes Wed 4-7:20-10:15 No Passes Thu 1-4-7:20-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
Tron: Legacy: An IMAX 3D Experience (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01
UFC 124 - St-Pierre vs. Koscheck (STC) Sat 8
Unstoppable (PG) Fri 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:40 Sat 1-4:50-10:40 Sun 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:40 Mon 1:50-4:15-10:40 Tue-Wed 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:40 Thu 1:50-4:15-10:40

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Burlesque (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:50-5:30-8:20-11 Sun-Thu 11:30-2:15-5-7:40-10:15
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:30-3-5:40-8:30-11:10 No Passes Sun-Wed 12:30-3:30-7-9:45 No Passes Thu 3:30-7-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 12:30
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-2:30-5:10-8-10:40 No Passes Sun-Wed 12-3-6:15-9:15 No Passes Thu 12-3-6:15-9 No Passes Fri-Sat 1-4-7:10 No Passes Sun-Wed 1-4-7:25-10:10 No Passes Thu 12-3:15-6:20-9
Due Date (14A) Fri 12:10-3:50-6:15-8:40-11:05 Sat 6:15-8:40-11:05 Sun-Thu 1:20-3:35-5:50-8:05-10:20
Fair Game (PG) Fri-Sat 12:45-3:15-5:45-8:15-10:50 Sun-Thu 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:20
Faster (14A) Fri-Sat 1:50-4:15-6:45-9-11:15 Sun-Thu 11:40-2-5-7:40-10:20
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Sat 11:30-2:45-6:20-9:45 Sun-Wed 11:30-2:35-6:20-9:45 Thu 11:30-2:45-6:20-9:45 Fri-Sat 12:45-4:15-7:30-10:45 Sun-Wed 12:45-4-7:15-10:20 Thu 12:45-4-7:15-10:25
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri-Sat 1:10-3:40-6:10-8:35-11:10 Sun-Thu 11:40-2:15-4:40-7:20-9:50
Megamind 3D (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:35-9:50 Thu 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:35-9:45
The Metropolitan Opera: Don Carlo (STC) Sat 10:30
The Next Three Days (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:10-7:10 Sun-Wed 12:20-3:30-6:30-9:30 Thu 12:30-3:50-6:50-10
Tangled (G) Fri-Sat 12-2:30-5-7:45-10:10 Sun-Wed 12-2:30-4:50-7:25-9:50 Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7:30-9:50
Tangled 3D (G) Fri 11:30-2-4:30-6:50-9:45 Sat 2-4:30-6:50-9:45 Sun-Wed 11:30-2-4:30-6:50-9:45 Thu 11:30-2-4:30-6:50-9:30
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 1:15-3:30-6-8:45-11:15 No Passes Sun-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:15 No Passes Thu 4:15-7:15-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1:15
Tron: Legacy (PG) No Passes Thu 12:05 No Passes Thu 12:05
Unstoppable (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:10-5:40-8:10-10:40 Sun-Wed 12:50-3:10-5:30-8-10:20 Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-8:10-10:30

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 8 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 1:15-4:30-8 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5-8:20
The Next Three Days (PG) DTS Digital Fri 6:45-9:40 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:45-9:40 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 5:10-8
The Tourist (PG) No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 7:05-9:50 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-4-7:05-9:50 No Passes, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 5:30-8:30

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Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 9:05
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:25-6:10-8:50
Megamind (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:10-5-6:50
Morning Glory (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:05-5:05-7:05
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:15-5:15-7:20-9:25

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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) No Passes Fri 4:30-7:20-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:20-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 7:20-10:05
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 3:45-6:45-9:30 No Passes Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:45-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 6:45-9:30
Due Date (14A) Fri 4:25-7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 2-4:25-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:30-9:50
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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 3:20-6:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:45-3-6:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:50
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri 4:15-7:05-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:20-4:15-7:05-9:55 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:55
Megamind 3D (G) Fri 4-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:20
Red (14A) Fri 7:25 Sat-Sun 1:50-7:25 Mon-Thu 7:25
Tangled 3D (G) Fri 4:45-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:45-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 7:15-9:45
The Tourist (PG) No Passes Fri 4:10-7-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:10-7-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 7-9:40

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The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) Fri 6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:15 Mon 6:40-9:15 Tue 12:30-3:10-6:40-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:15
Faster (14A) Fri-Thu 7-9:40
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:30 Mon 6:30-9:30 Tue 12:20-3:20-6:30-9:30 Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30
Megamind (G) Sat 1:20-3:45 Tue 1:20-3:45
Megamind 3D (G) Fri 6:35-9 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:6:35-9 Mon 6:35-9 Tue 12:40-6:35-9 Wed-Thu 6:35-9
Tangled (G) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:30-7-9:20 Mon 7-9:20 Tue 12:50-3:30-7-9:20 Wed-Thu 7-9:20
The Tourist (PG) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7:10-9:40 Mon 7:10-9:40 Tue 1-3:40-7:10-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:40

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (PG) Fri 6:40-9:45 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:45-6:40-9:45 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:45
Love & Other Drugs (18A) Fri 6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:30-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:30
Tangled 3D (G) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 1-3:25-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 7-9:25







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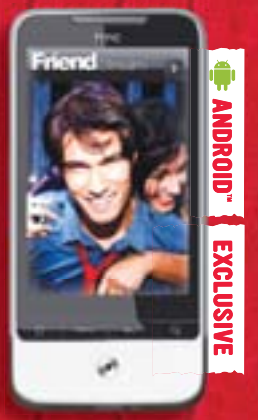
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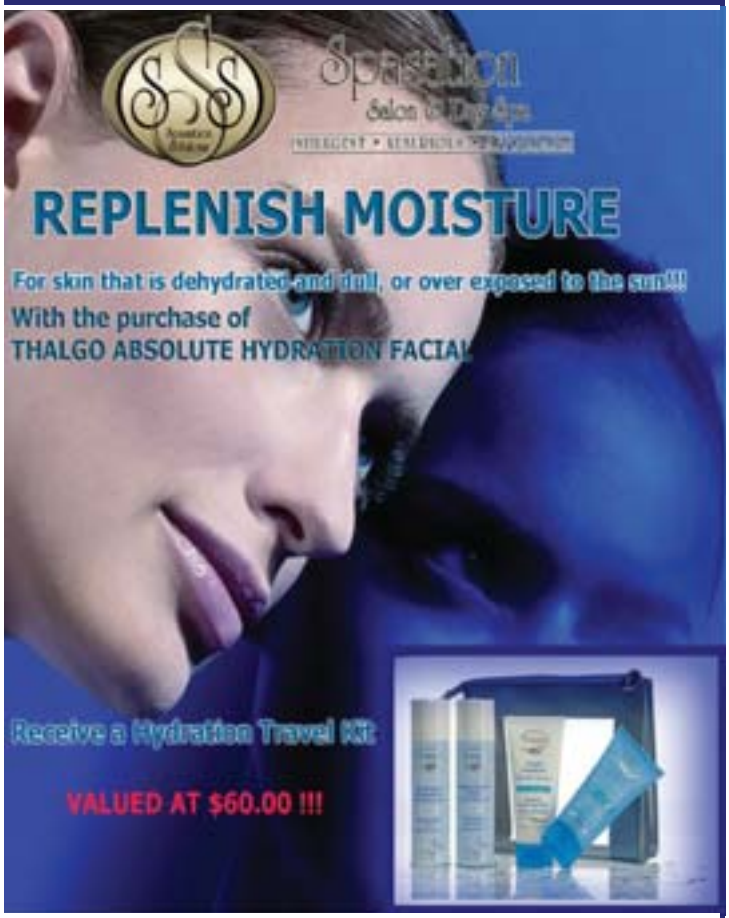
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Bale gets energ

Actor plays boxer/trainer Dickie Eklund who struggled with a crack addiction Wahlberg helped Bale get the Boston accent down





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Christian Bale has dropped dramatic weight for roles before — most notably in The Machinist and Rescue Dawn — so shedding pounds for The Fighter, in which he plays manic boxer Dickie Eklund, who wrestled for years with a crack addiction, wasn't necessarily new territory.

This time, though, Bale's been watching his tongue. "Usually I always say, 'Oh, I do a lot of coke whenever I lose weight,'" Bale says. "I'm not sure if it's so funny for this movie to say that."

In reality, he got thin by running — and running and running.

"I was just running like crazy. I could just run for hours on end and I felt really healthy," he says.

Building up that stamina was important to playing the fast-talking, live-wire Eklund. On screen, Bale is a perpetual motion machine, Dickie's out-of-control energy threatening to derail the boxing career of younger brother Mickey Ward (Mark Wahlberg).

Bale found a great resource in co-star Wahlberg, who also produced the film, especially since Bale needed to master Wahlberg's native Boston accent.

"Mark was a great deal of help," Bale says. "He would never say anything, but he'd just get a certain look on his face when you said something, that you just knew that wasn't it."

Of course, he also had Eklund himself to rely on, as the man he was playing was present for much of the production, though he insists he couldn't completely mimic his real-life counterpart.

"Dickie's got his own thing going on, you know? He calls it 'Dickie-nese,'"

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▶ Christian Bale, right, and Mark Wahlberg star in The Fighter, which deals with the real-life story of Mickey Ward.

Bale says. "If I'd done it exactly like Dickie, we would have needed subtitles, probably."

But having Eklund around while trying to recreate his story wasn't always easy, Bale admits.

"There were a couple of times I had to physically restrain Dickie from going and landing one right on (director) David (O. Russell)," Bale says. "There were some script changes going on, and Dickie wasn't initially totally understanding that sometimes in putting a whole life into two hours, a little bit of license has to be taken and mixing things up. He wanted everything initially to be absolutely how it was portrayed. And if it wasn't, there was a couple of times he would say, 'I'm gonna go and I'm gonna hit him.'"

But as for the finished product, Eklund's reaction to the film says everything. "After we showed him the movie, he didn't punch any of us," Bale says with a laugh.

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PREP TIME: 25 MIN. ➤ TOTAL TIME: 50 MIN ➤ MAKES: 17 SERVINGS

What You Need

1 cup water
1/4 cup butter
Dash cayenne pepper
1 cup flour
3 eggs
1 cup *Kraft* Old Cheddar Shredded Cheese
1/4 cup *Kraft* 100% Parmesan Grated Cheese
2 Tbsp. chopped fresh chives

Make it

HEAT oven to 400°F.

BRING water, butter and cayenne to boil in medium saucepan on medium heat, stirring frequently with wooden spoon. Add flour all at once; stir until well blended. Cook and stir 2 min. or until mixture forms ball. Cool 5 min.

ADD eggs, 1 at a time, stirring after each until well blended. Stir in remaining ingredients. Drop level tablespoonfuls of dough, about 2 inches apart, onto baking sheets sprayed with cooking spray.

BAKE 20 min. or until puffed and golden brown. Turn oven off. Leave gougères in oven 5 min. Serve warm.

Nutrition Information Per Serving – 2 gougères (18 g): Calories 90, Total fat 6 g, Saturated fat 3.5 g, Cholesterol 45 mg, Sodium 95 mg, Carbohydrate 6 g, Dietary fibre 0 g, Sugars 0 g, Protein 4 g, Vitamin A 6 %DV, Vitamin C 0 %DV, Calcium 6 %DV, Iron 4 %DV.

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TV picks

Guy from Pie

COPS. American Pie star Chris Klein guests in a new episode of the freewheeling cop series The Good Guys. (Friday, Fox)

Reese piece

LATE NIGHT. Reese Witherspoon drops by the Late Show with David Letterman a week before her new movie, How Do You Know, directed by James L. Brooks, hits theatres. (Friday, CBS)

Turn to Tron

MOVIE. With a souped-up sequel hitting theatres this weekend, why not revisit 1982's cult hit Tron? The campy sci-fi flick flopped upon its original release but has built an audience. (Saturday, YTV)

Get the tissues

CHRISTMAS CLASSICS. It's a Wonderful Life is an annual tradition in many households. CTV and NBC are airing the Jimmy Stewart classic, while the 1969 animated special Frosty the Snowman will air on CBS. (Saturday)

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In her world, brunettes have all the fun

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▶ Actress Sofia Vergara was nominated for an Emmy for her role as feisty, Colombian trophy wife Gloria on Fox's Modern Family.



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When Colombian actress Sofia Vergara first arrived in Hollywood, she was told she wasn't Latin enough for roles.

"I am a natural blonde," she reveals. "I even have blonde eyelashes, and so I would go to auditions and they didn't know how to cast me because I had the strong accent; I had the attitude and I had the body but I was blonde."

They were comparing her to her Latino counterparts: Salma Hayek and Penelope Cruz.

"So I dyed my hair dark for a movie and I immediately started getting jobs because then I really became hot and Latin," she laughs.

All this changed when the now voluptuous 38-year-old landed a role in the 2003 independent film, Chasing Papi.

More movie roles followed, including Four Brothers opposite Mark Wahlberg and guest spots on Entourage and Dirty Sexy Money.

But it was her role as Gloria on the Fox sitcom Modern Family that propelled her to overnight stardom. Now in its second season and a certified global hit, Vergara is not afraid of being typecast.

Shaking her head, she smiles: "I portray a typical Latino woman who's voluptuous, loud, passionate and personally for me, I wouldn't want to be described in any other way. I don't want to be quiet with no ass and boring. I don't think there is anything wrong with that stereotype because it exists!"





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FASHION

The late designer was honoured with the British Fashion Institute's Outstanding Achievement in Fashion Design for the body of work he created during his career.

WRITERS GUILD

AWARDS

Still celebrating its Emmy Award win, Modern Family is now in contention for three Writers Guild Awards. Also nominated are 30 Rock, Breaking Bad, Glee, Nurse Jackie and Boardwalk Empire.

The awards are handed out in February.

DESPICABLE ME

DVD

Steve Carell's tale of a criminal mastermind who's heart is warmed by the sudden arrival of a trio of orphaned girls hits store and rental shelves on Tuesday. The release includes extras, like a look into the world where the animated film is set.

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JAMES CAMERON

FILM

It looks like Canadian James Cameron is going to team up with another iconic Canuck institution. Deadline.com reports the producer and director will make a 3-D film centred on Cirque du Soleil.

DWTS

TELEVISION

Portia de Rossi is half of one of the most famous same-sex couples but according to PopEater.com it wasn't enough to get her to be part of Dancing with the Stars' first same-sex dance couple. The website reports that de Rossi — Ellen DeGeneres's partner — turned down an offer to compete last season.

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JAMES FRANCO

TELEVISION

Seventh Heaven favourite James Franco is not one to sit still.

The actor is currently attending university, working in film, writing books and creating art.

Well, General Hospital fans will want to tune in as Franco returns to the soap opera this February for a couple of episodes.

He appeared in a number of GH episodes this past July.



Mix of Six

Music

Lisa Nicole Grace with Brent

Heartwarming songwriting and touching storytelling are the hallmarks of Lisa Nicole Grace, who will be performing her songs and Christmas tunes.

When: Friday at 8 p.m.
Where: Axis Cafe / The Metro Room 10349 Jasper Ave

Music

Jeff Hendrick

With a mature and dynamic stage presence, Jeff Hendrick is a talented saxophonist and keyboard player.

When: Friday at 9 p.m.
Where: Jeffrey's Café & Wine Bar 9640 142 St

Music

Marcus Schossow

Marcus' increasing influence in the realm of dance music is underscored by his prodigious mixing of futuristic techno and filthy house.

When: Friday at 9 p.m.
Where: Pawn Shop 10551 Whyte Ave

Music

Skavenjah

While its home base is on the Canadian prairies, Skavenjah is one the most sought after Ska bands in North America. It remains one of the genre's few constants.

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haven Social Club 15120A Stony Plain Rd

Magazine Site Launch

Great Northern Revival Vol. 22 CD Release and Notebook Magazine Website Launch

This event combines a full slate of musical performances by contributors to the second compilation in the series, along with the re-launch of Notebook Magazine's website. The evening will bring together new and old friends.

When: Saturday at 8 p.m.
Where: Jekyll & Hyde's Hydeaway 10209 100 Ave

Concert

A Very Comsopolitan Christmas featuring The Cosmopolitan Music Society

In this special holiday performance, one of the Society's community bands joins with one of its choirs in a family friendly atmosphere.

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A JOLLIER CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST

Tired of Burl Ives' "Holly Jolly Christmas?" Find yourself screaming whenever you hear "Feliz Navidad" by Jose Felicano? Then maybe you need to adopt an entirely new Christmas playlist. Here's what's new for 2010.

"Christmas is Here" by Buckcherry: The result of a bluesy jam designed to come up with a Christmas song, this mid-tempo rocker is surprisingly festive.

"Christmas Lights" by Coldplay: Their last seasonal song was their version of "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" on a tough-to-find 2002 compilation. This new original song sets things up for two U.K. gigs in aid of a British charity for the homeless called Crisis this Sunday and Monday.

"Santa Stole My Lady" by Fritz and the Tantrums: There's lots of buzz around this indie band with the huge soul influence. This track sounds like it could have been recorded at Berry Gordy's studio in Detroit in 1968.

"Boots" by The Killers: The band still might be on a break as singer Brandon Flowers works his solo record, but everyone came

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▶ Coldplay's Chris Martin

back together for the fifth annual recording of a Killers Christmas single. Proceeds from this year's track will go toward the Product Red campaign, which raises awareness about the scourge of AIDS in Africa.

"Peppermint Winter" by Owl City: Adam "Owl City" Young has had an eventful couple of years thanks to his Ocean Eyes album. He's decided to cap 2010 with a paean to his idealized winter wonderland.

"Night Castle" by Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Who knew that a mix of power metal, rock opera and classical music would work so well? They've sold over seven million concert tickets and are the second-biggest catalogue artist for Atlantic Records. Only Led Zeppelin has sold more. Really. Try "Nutrocker," a reimagining of "The Nutcracker."

All songs on this list are available now on iTunes.



Writing songs 'not the easiest thing ... for me:' Feist

As Leslie Feist begins crafting a new record, she says she doesn't feel burdened by any extra pressure due to the astonishing success of her 2007 breakthrough, The Reminder.

Feist — who says she'll record a new album this winter — says that her approach to songwriting hasn't changed a bit.

It's exactly as arduous and painstaking as ever.

"I feel the same as I always did, which is that every song feels like the last one I'll ever write," she told The Canadian Press in a recent telephone interview from Toronto.

"Because it's not the easiest thing in the world for me."

To illustrate the point, the affable pop songwriter — who releases an intimate new DVD documentary, Look at What the Light Did Now, on Tuesday — relates the story of her former roommate, prolific songwriter Dave Szigeti.

"I used to joke that he had a giant song vacuum, and he would suck all of the songs out of the air in the apartment and leave none for me, because he was writing so many songs," she said with a laugh.

She feels largely the same way about her former bandmate in By Divine Right, Jose Contreras, for whom songwriting seems "the most natural thing in the world, like he's dealing cards."

"I think there are some people in the world that it works for them," she says. "But for me, it's little fragments and little pieces and then they finally find each other, and then they kind of become songs like that.

"So it's been the same. It's always been this way."

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▶ Singer Feist performs in Bryant Park for ABC's Good Morning America in July 2008 in New York.

Brangelina adding more to brat pack?

Jolie tells Larry King they're open to it Says paparazzi makes it hard

It looks like Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt might not be stopping at the six kids they already have.

Jolie tells Larry King that while they have no immediate plans to add more children to their clan, they "are always open (to the idea)."

Of course, another kid would mean more worry about avoiding paparazzi, Jolie admits.

"Well, we try not to get them into the middle of it," she says.

"We try to get them around things and under things (to hide from paparazzi)."

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Aniston furious with friend

Jennifer Aniston is reportedly less than thrilled with new pal Chelsea Handler's recent stand-up tirade against Angelina Jolie, according to Popeater.

"Jen has gone out of her way to keep her private feelings about that woman who stole her husband private and has always asked her friends to do the same," a source says.

"She is furious with Chelsea for bringing the whole situation back to life again and landing her on the cover of a weekly magazine tomorrow with a Brad (Pitt) headline. She hates drama or unnecessary attention and certainly doesn't want to ever see her face on a tabloid again with a headline about Angie or Brad."

Jolie met Pitt while on filming on the set of a movie they were making.

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"She is furious with Chelsea for bringing the whole situation back to life again and landing her on the cover of a weekly magazine tomorrow with a Brad (Pitt) headline"
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Talking points

Nude pics of Aguilera hit the web

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As if all the attention she's getting for her divorce and new relationship weren't enough, Christina Aguilera now has to deal with naked pictures of her leaking online, according to Hollyscoop.

"The photos of Christina Aguilera being leaked to the press were illegally obtained by a hacker who tapped into Christina's personal stylist's account," her rep says in a statement. "The photos were taken in the privacy of Ms. Aguilera's home and were used only in a personal exchange between the star and her stylist."

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Simpson's new hubby to sign pre-nuptial

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Jessica Simpson may be in love, but she's apparently not taking any chances with her second marriage.



Despite earlier reports that she and fiancé Eric Johnson wouldn't be signing a pre-nuptial agreement, the singer is reportedly having the document prepared.

"There will definitely be a pre-nup. Jessica has said she wants one," a source tells Us Weekly.

"Jessica and Eric have talked about it. He understands that there needs to be a pre-nup. He's supportive of it."

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Lance Armstrong [@lance-armstrong]
Herdin' cats... Uh, I mean, trying to take our holiday card picture. Not easy with 5 kids!



Nicole Richie [@nicole-richie]
Aaahhhhh FINALLY a proper winter. And I had to go all the way to New York to get it.



Joel Madden [@Joel-Madden]
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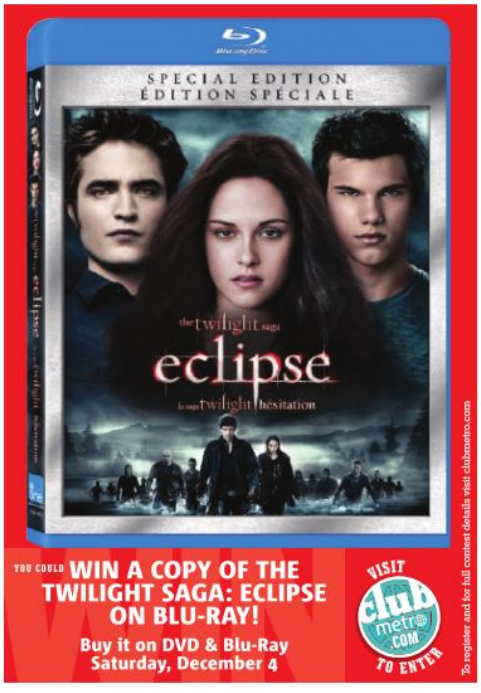
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Reese Witherspoon might have a big surprise headed her way, as her boyfriend, Jim Toth, was reportedly spotted consulting with jewelers for an engagement ring, according to Radar Online.

"He was looking for something pretty big, around three or four carats. Reese probably wouldn't wear anything larger than that since she's not showy," a source says of the CAA talent agent. "Price wasn't an issue."

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Get your game on

Farmed game birds will be on many menus for Christmas dinner this year as Canadians opt for something other than turkey

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A dish of Cornish game hen.

That partridge in a pear tree might well be on your plate for Christmas dinner this year.

Although it is not considered a huge surge in the game bird industry, many Canadians are opting for something new this holiday season.

"I see a growing demand for game birds especially at this time of year," says Elaine Atlin, owner of La Ferme Black River Game Farm in Pefferlaw, Ont., an importer and distributor of game, poultry and gourmet products.

Dave Meli, owner of the Healthy Butcher in Toronto, says many of the customers for farmed game birds, including pheasant, quail, squab and guinea fowl, partridge and goose, are immigrants.

"Asians are the largest demographic when it comes to game birds," he says. "Others who want to try them often balk at the price of $16 a pound for partridge as opposed to Cornish hens, which retail for $8."

Nevertheless, there is an appetite for game birds to be sure, says Leila Batten, owner of White House Meats at Toronto's St. Lawrence Market. Her firm specializes in a large selection of game birds.

The reason they are pricey is the processing costs charged to farmers, she says. "If you are processing hundreds of thousands, the cost is lower. But when you are looking at under 100 birds you know your costs are going to be higher."

All three agree that one of the most popular game birds is Cornish hens.

These miniature chickens weigh up to 1.2 kilograms. Because they have a relatively small amount of meat to bone, each hen is usually just enough for one serving. They are best broiled or roasted.

Meli says you can get twice as much meat on a Cornish hen at half the price of pheasant or partridge. "It all boils down to what you expect to pay."

Batten says she is seeing more interest in game birds for small dinner parties, especially couples entertaining in smaller-sized condos.

"People seem willing to spend a little extra and make something different," she says. "And game birds aren't difficult to cook."

One bird that is in vogue all year round is duck, says Atlin.

"It is the most popular of all the game birds," she says. "You will find duck in many grocery stores because it is in demand."

The different breeds of ducks include Peking, the smallest, the Muscovy, which is fairly large, and the mallard duck, a cross between a Muscovy and a Peking. All are under 4.5 kilograms.

Duck can be prepared in a variety of ways including roasting, braising and broiling.

Meli concurs on the popularity of duck. "I do fresh duck every week and I see that trend continuing, especially among my customers who want healthy meat. It is also locally farmed."

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Guide to game

Here are some tips when purchasing farmed game birds such as pheasant, squab, guinea fowl, quail, partridge, duck and goose, among others.

- **Farmed game birds** are similar in many ways to chicken, so learning the various techniques for handling and cooking chicken teaches you a great deal about how to work with other birds.
- **Game birds** are versatile. You can cook them by broiling, roasting or using any of your other favourite methods or recipes.

Serving size

Here's how to gauge how many servings you can expect to get from each bird:

- **1 serving** equals 2 quail, 1 to 2 squab, or 1 small duck.
- **2 servings** equals 1 pheasant or 1 large duck.
- **A large** 2 to 2.75 kg (4 to 6 lb) goose should feed 4 to 6 people.

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A tasty alternative to turkey

Because they are now raised domestically on farms, game birds, such as pheasants, duck and guinea fowl, are increasing in popularity. They can be found at specialty butchers, farmers markets and some supermarkets across Canada. Here is a recipe to try at a special dinner this holiday season using farmed pheasant.

Roasted Pheasants
Preparation:

1. Preheat oven to 220 C (425 F).
2. In a bowl, mix together mustard, paprika, salt, garlic and 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the butter to make a rub for pheasants.
3. Remove excess fat from cavities and necks of pheasants, then rinse and pat dry. Run your finger between skin and flesh of breast and legs of each hen to loosen skin (outside of thighs are easier to access from neck end).
4. Rub spice mix under skin and massage skin from outside to spread evenly over breast and legs. Season hens inside and out with salt and pepper and put half of herb stems in cavity of each bird.
5. Tie legs together with kitchen string and close cavity with toothpicks. Brush additional melted butter over birds, if desired.
6. Put pheasants in pan, breast sides up. Roast pheasants, basting every 10 minutes with a brush, until a thermometer inserted in thickest part of a thigh (without touching bone) registers 77 C (170 F), about 35 minutes.
7. Discard string and toothpicks from birds and transfer to a platter. Cover birds loosely to keep warm while making sauce.
8. In a skillet, melt remaining butter. Saute shallots until soft. Skim fat from pan juices and add with chicken broth to shallots. Deglaze by boiling, scraping up brown bits, until reduced to about 125 ml (1/2 cup). Add wine and continue boiling for 1 minute. Pour sauce through a sieve into a sauce boat and spoon over pheasants.
9. Chop additional herbs and scatter over pheasants. Makes 4 to 6 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

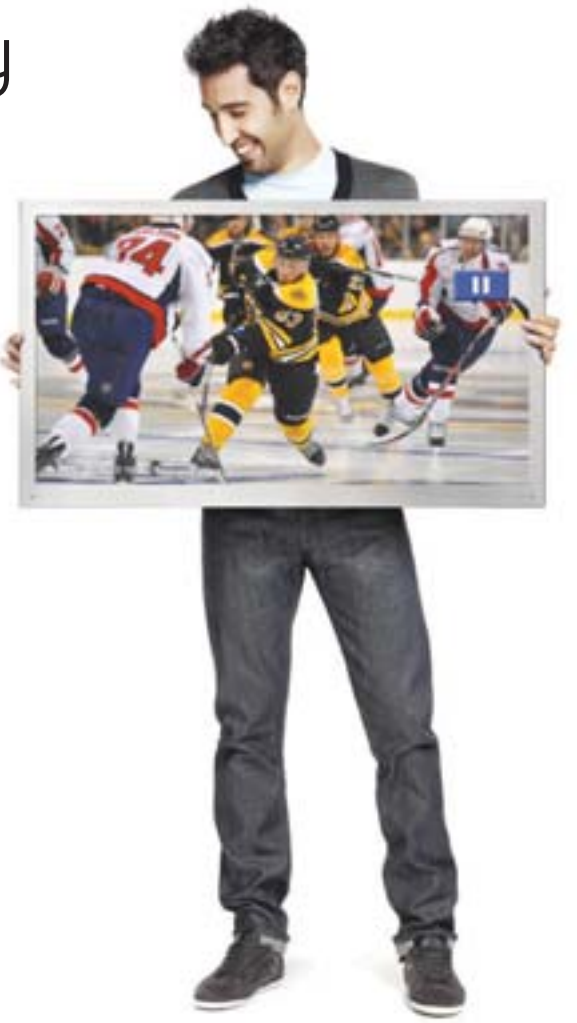
Ingredients:

- 2 whole pheasants, each about 1 kg (2 lb)
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) Dijon honey mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) smoked paprika
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) salt
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) butter, divided
- 4 large sprigs each fresh thyme, fresh tarragon and fresh flat-leaf parsley, leaves and stems separated, plus extra for garnish
- 3 shallots, thinly sliced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) low-sodium chicken stock
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) white wine

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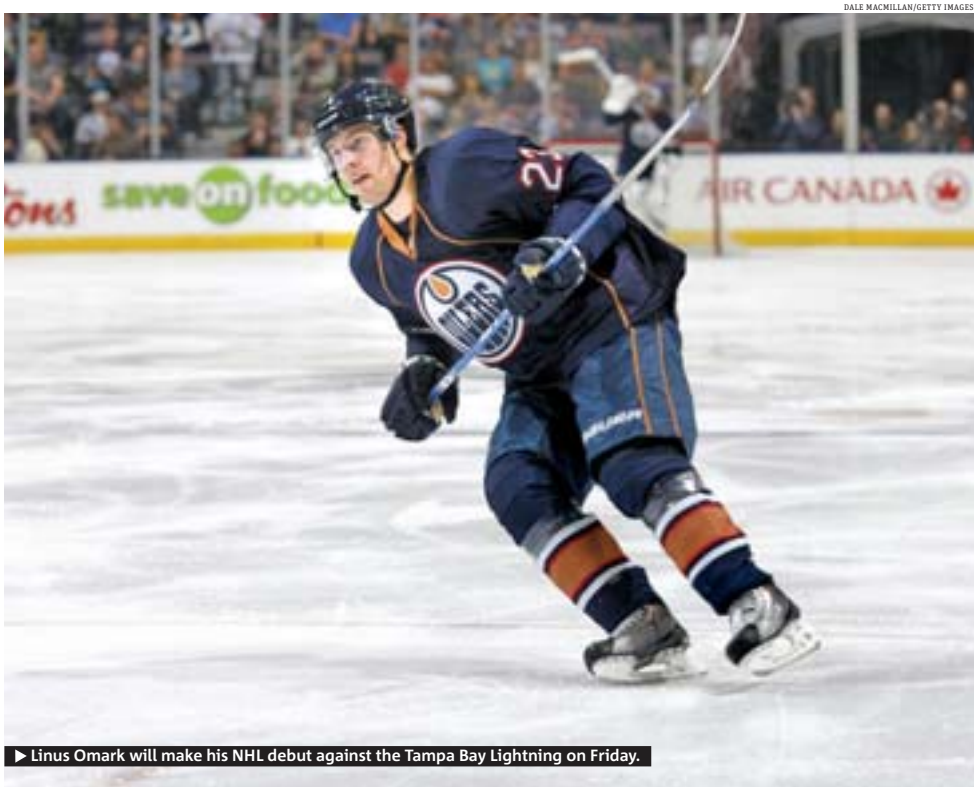
"I just think that because I run the ball so much, the referees sometimes will overlook that. They have to understand when I'm in the pocket, I'm a passer."
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Omark looks to make his mark

- Oilers prospect Linus Omark and his dazzling skills getting a shot in NHL
- With Hemsky and Horcoff out, youngster figures to get plenty of ice time

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▶ Linus Omark will make his NHL debut against the Tampa Bay Lightning on Friday.

Edmonton Oilers fans are about to find out whether or not the dazzling offensive skills Linus Omark has displayed as a YouTube sensation translate to the NHL.

With Ales Hemsky out a month with a strained groin and captain Shawn Horcoff lost two months with a sprained MCL in his right knee, the Oilers recalled the diminutive Swedish winger, along with Ryan O'Marra, from the Oklahoma City Barons of the AHL on Wednesday.

Omark, 23, who reports back to Edmonton among the top-10 scorers in the AHL after being a late cut by the Oilers at training camp, will begin his test Friday when he makes his NHL debut against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

"I'm excited to play my first game," Omark said. "I worked a lot on things down there, so I'm glad to be here."

Omark, drafted 97th overall by the Oilers in 2007, made his displeasure at not landing a roster spot at camp abundantly clear. He backed up what he said by shredding AHL goaltending for 13 goals and 26 points in 26 games with Oklahoma City. He had a five-goal game.

"When I get something like that against me, I try to prove to everybody that I can be better. I tried to do that," Omark said of his demotion. "It was tough to play, like mentally.

"I was sent down and it was like anger on the ice all the time. There were five or six games. After that, I played pretty good."

With Hemsky and Horcoff out, the five-foot-10, 175-pound winger will get a prolonged opportunity to make an impression in a role that will showcase his obvious offensive skills. Omark skated Thursday on a line with O'Marra, his centre with the Barons, and Ryan Jones. He's met with coach Tom Renney to discuss what's expected of him.



"He's a good skater. He's obviously a little bit small, but one thing I noticed about him in training camp is that he really battles. He goes into the tough areas. For a skilled player to do that, it adds a component to your game." TAYLOR HALL SPEAKING ABOUT LINUS OMARK

"You want to put him a position to have success," Renney said. "Linus is not going to play on our fourth line. That doesn't make any sense at all. Fact of the matter is he could move up in our lineup.

"You've got to give any player who comes in as a callup a little bit of a foundation to work from on both sides of the puck. You've got to be synchronized with the guys you're on the ice with. You can't just go out there and play around.

"There may be four guys on the ice who understand what we're doing on the breakout and one guy can destroy that. We do have to do a little bit with him in terms of the basic structure of how we're playing."

When Omark reported to camp in September, he'd already played four seasons in the Swedish Elite League with Lulea and another with Moscow Dynamo of the KHL. Omark had 23 goals and 55 points with Lulea in 2008-09 and 20 goals in Moscow in 2009-10, producing countless highlight reel goals along the way.

Omark showed some of that flash in three pre-season games with Edmonton, scoring a goal and adding two assists, but he was stuck behind fellow rookies Taylor Hall, Jordan Eberle and Magnus Paajarvi on the depth chart and ended up getting a ticket to the minors.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Kavis Reed

Eskimos settle on a new head coach: Source

The Edmonton Eskimos have found a replacement for Richie Hall.

The CFL club will name Kavis Reed as its new head coach at a press conference Friday afternoon, a source told The Canadian Press.

Reed served as the defensive co-ordinator for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers last season.

The Eskimos fired Hall last month after the team went 7-11 and missed the playoffs. Hall had a 16-20 record over two seasons at the helm in Edmonton.

Eskimos general manager Eric Tillman is no stranger to Reed. The pair previously worked together with the Ottawa Renegades and the Saskatchewan Roughriders.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

I'm no Gretzky: St-Pierre

Georges St-Pierre says mixed martial arts may be more popular than hockey worldwide, but he has yet to achieve Wayne Gretzky status.

The issue of St-Pierre's profile has been front and centre this week with UFC president Dana White taking every opportunity to say the UFC welterweight champion is Canada's most famous athlete — ever.

St-Pierre, a lifelong Oilers fan, says Gretzky was his idol growing up.

"For me, Wayne Gretzky, he's on top," he said, holding his hand above his head at the UFC 124 pre-fight news conference.

"For his sport, I believe Wayne Gretzky has done more for hockey than I've done in mixed martial arts. And my goal is to reach that point and maybe pass that point if I can one day in my life." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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RACING RIVALS AND ALPINE ALLIES

Sometimes it's hard to separate sport from entertainment.

When does competition end and showmanship begin? It's hard to decipher. Until you get to Lake Louise, deep in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, and appreciate what alpine skiers do. You peek out over the pitch of the ice-injected mountain and listen to an Olympic champion coax you down without killing yourself.

"You have the athletic ability," Kerrin Lee-Gartner says. "The only thing holding you back is fear. Get over it!"

You turn your skies and slip-slide over a treacherous section of the course known as "Fall Away." Remaining intact, picking up speed, you feel the exhilaration of crossing the finish line at what seems like 100 miles per hour. In fact, you're moving at a fraction of the speed the real racers do. Lee-Gartner is there at the bottom to offer a high-five.

"Now you have real credibility to talk about this race," she smiles.

Lindsey Vonn, the miraculous competitor from the United States, roars over the crest of the hill. She loses her balance and heads for disaster. Vonn slides onto her hip and careens in a wild skid until somehow she rights herself in the blink of an eye and recovers to take the lead.

Maria Riesch of Germany, Vonn's major rival, screams down the course to beat her by 10-one-hundredths of a second. Had Vonn not slipped she would have won handily.

"I hate to lose," Vonn says from behind her mirrored sunglasses. "But if I have to lose then it might as well be to my best friend." The two embrace and, standing side-by-side, do an interview in German, which is broadcast live on Austrian television.

Then, at the airport there's American Julia Mancuso, the third-place finisher in the Super G, lugging the voluminous luggage of Great Britain's Chemmy Alcott. Alcott is in a wheelchair with a broken leg after a horrifying crash in training, which had her airlifted off the mountain at the end of a rope dangling from a helicopter.

The two comrades have fashioned a competitive understanding. They're off to Europe where the World Cup will continue for all but Alcott, who is done for the season. As they exit you come to understand that what you've witnessed is real sport indeed.

Where there is room for bitter rivals to be best friends.

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▶ Lindsey Vonn

GSP has choice words for Koscheck



"I'm at my best when I'm under pressure and I can't wait for Saturday night."
GEORGES ST-PIERRE

Georges St-Pierre let the cool facade slip Thursday, revealing a rare glimpse of what he truly thinks about challenger Josh Koscheck.

The UFC welterweight champion has ignored Koscheck's jibes and trash-talking ahead of UFC 124.

But as the pre-fight news conference ended Thursday at a Bell Centre restaurant, the 29-year-old from Montreal made his feelings known.

Having defeated Koscheck already at UFC 74 in August 2007, St-Pierre said a second win would knock the brash American well down the 170-pound ladder.

And he made it clear that out of sight would be out of mind.

"So I'm going to beat him Saturday night and it's going to be the end of it," St-Pierre said forcefully. "I'm not going to talk about him for a long, long time and I'm going to feel very happy."

St. Pierre's forceful words were followed by silence, before Koscheck tried for the last word.

"You like me that much?" he said in a comeback that fizzled.

St-Pierre (20-2) usually keeps his emotions in check, a practice that was tested by Koscheck during six weeks of filming of The Ultimate Fighter when the two served as rival coaches on the reality TV show.

Koscheck (17-4) continues to insist he has got inside St-Pierre's head.

"Yeah I think I have. And I think that Georges has a lot of pressure coming into this fight," he said.

"He loses to a guy that talked a lot of trash, a guy that isn't very well liked around here. So there's a lot of pressure on him to come out and put me away." THE CANADIAN PRESS



Favre misses practice

The Minnesota Vikings have gone from "optimistic" to "hopeful" that Brett Favre will make his 298th consecutive regular season start on Sunday.

The 41-year-old quarterback missed his second straight day of practice Thursday with a sprained SC joint in his throwing shoulder, and interim head coach Leslie Frazier said it will likely be a game-time decision on whether Favre will start against the New York Giants.

Receiver Percy Harvin and left guard Steve Hutchinson also were not practising.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Another big catch for BoSox

With Crawford and Gonzalez in tow, Boston has added 2 'impact' players

A night after Carl Crawford enjoyed a steak dinner with the New York Yankees, he served up a meaty surprise: He is going to play for the rival Boston Red Sox.

The Red Sox struck again at these winter meetings, reaching agreement late Wednesday with the star left-fielder on a $142-million US, seven-year contract.

Boston general manager Theo Epstein wouldn't directly confirm the move Thursday.

"If things come together the way we hope and expect, we'll be really satisfied," he said.

Predictably, the Yankees quickly raised the stakes for their No. 1 target, increasing their offer to prize pitcher Cliff Lee to a seven-year contract. That's up from a six-year proposal worth nearly $140 million.

"He's a premier free agent," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "He's worth waiting for."

A person familiar with the Crawford deal told The Associated Press the agreement was subject to him passing a physical. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal was not yet finalized.

On Monday, the Red Sox announced they had acquired slugging first baseman Adrian Gonzalez in a trade with San Diego.

"You go into every winter with a Plan A, and sometimes it's hard to pull that off and you move on to Plan B and C," Epstein said. "I think adding an impact player was very important for where we were in the short, medium and long term and adding two, as long as they were the right players in the right spots in the right situations, would be even better."

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▶ Carl Crawford is shown at this year's All-Star Game.

Boston's big deals came after the Red Sox failed to make the playoffs and ratcheted up pressure on the Yankees to make a splash.

"They're loading up like they always do," Cashman said. "This is more significant."

A person with knowledge of the negotiations told the AP about the increased offer to Lee, without disclosing the dollar amount.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Pittsburgh	30	20	8	2	0	96	69	42	10-5-1-0	10-3-1-0	10-0-0-0	W11
d-Washington	30	18	9	1	2	96	82	39	12-3-0-2	6-6-1-0	4-4-0-2	L4
d-Montreal	28	18	8	2	0	75	54	38	11-4-2-0	7-4-0-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Philadelphia	30	18	7	2	3	103	75	41	10-5-0-2	8-2-2-1	6-1-0-3	W1
Boston	27	16	8	0	3	80	54	35	7-5-0-2	9-3-0-1	5-3-0-2	W2
NY Rangers	30	17	12	1	0	88	90	35	6-8-1-0	11-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	W1
Tampa Bay	27	15	9	2	1	84	94	33	7-2-1-1	8-7-1-0	7-2-0-1	W1
Atlanta	28	15	10	1	2	88	80	33	9-5-0-1	6-5-1-1	8-2-0-0	W2
Buffalo	29	12	13	4	0	76	79	28	6-8-1-0	6-5-3-0	5-4-1-0	W1
Florida	27	13	14	0	0	71	69	26	6-5-0-0	7-10-0-0	4-6-0-0	W1
Ottawa	30	12	16	1	1	65	90	26	7-8-0-1	5-8-1-0	3-6-0-1	L2
Carolina	26	11	12	0	3	75	84	25	6-5-0-1	5-7-0-2	3-4-0-3	L1
Toronto	28	10	14	2	2	62	85	24	7-6-2-1	3-8-0-1	3-6-1-0	L2
New Jersey	27	8	17	1	1	50	81	18	4-6-1-1	4-11-0-0	3-7-0-0	L3
NY Islanders	26	5	16	3	2	55	88	15	3-6-1-1	2-10-2-1	1-7-2-0	L4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	26	17	6	2	1	88	70	37	10-3-1-1	7-3-1-0	5-3-2-0	L3
d-Dallas	27	16	9	0	2	79	74	34	10-3-0-1	6-6-0-1	6-2-0-2	L2
d-Vancouver	26	15	8	1	2	85	68	33	9-3-0-1	6-5-1-1	5-4-1-0	W1
Chicago	30	16	12	1	1	95	87	34	8-8-0-0	8-4-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
St. Louis	27	14	9	2	2	71	73	32	9-2-0-1	5-7-2-1	5-4-1-0	W2
Phoenix	27	13	8	4	2	76	75	32	5-4-2-2	8-4-2-0	6-3-0-1	L1
Nashville	27	13	8	4	2	68	70	32	5-1-3-2	8-7-1-0	5-2-1-2	W1
San Jose	28	14	10	4	0	86	83	32	7-4-2-0	7-6-2-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Anaheim	31	14	13	2	2	78	94	32	9-6-0-1	5-7-2-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Columbus	27	15	11	0	1	71	75	31	7-7-0-1	8-4-0-0	4-5-0-1	L1
Los Angeles	25	15	10	0	0	69	61	30	10-2-0-0	5-8-0-0	3-7-0-0	W2
Colorado	27	13	10	4	0	94	86	30	7-4-1-0	6-6-3-0	4-3-3-0	L4
Minnesota	27	12	11	1	3	66	78	28	7-6-0-2	5-5-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Calgary	28	12	14	1	1	78	84	26	7-6-0-0	5-8-1-1	4-4-1-1	W1
Edmonton	27	10	12	1	4	72	96	25	4-6-1-1	6-6-1-2	6-2-0-2	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Boston 5 N.Y. Islanders 2
Buffalo 6 San Jose 3
Toronto 4 Philadelphia 1
Florida 3 Washington 0
N.Y. Rangers 5 Ottawa 3
St. Louis 4 Columbus 1
Minnesota 3 Phoenix 2
Calgary at Los Angeles
Wednesday's results
Vancouver 5 Anaheim 4 (SO)
Pittsburgh 5 Toronto 2
Chicago 5 Dallas 3
Nashville 3 Detroit 2
San Jose 5 Philadelphia 4 (SO)
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Montreal at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Carolina at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

FLYERS 4, LEAFS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Leino 7 (Timonen, Richards) 11:13 (pp)
2. Philadelphia, Pronger 4 (Briere, Carle) 12:32
Penalties — Armstrong Tor (high sticking) 11:07, Coburn Pha (hooking, cross-checking) 13:17.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Briere 15 (Meszaros, O'Donnell) 12:18
4. Toronto, Grabovski 8 (MacArthur, Phaneuf) 16:14
5. Philadelphia, Briere 16 (Meszaros, Shelley) 17:17
Penalties — O'Donnell Pha (interference) 2:42, van Riemsdyk Pha (hooking) 9:46, Grabovski Tor (boarding) 13:57, Shelley Pha (misconduct) 17:17.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Armstrong Tor (high sticking) 1:23, Phaneuf Tor (slashing) 8:11.
Shots

Philadelphia	10	9	9	28
Toronto	9	11	10	32

Goal — Philadelphia: Boucher (W,4-3-2), Toronto Giguere (L,6-6-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Philadelphia: 1-4 Toronto: 0-4.
Referees — Bill McCreary, Kyle Rehman.
Linesman — Pierre Champoux, Jean Morin.
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RANGERS 5, SENATORS 3

First Period
1. Ottawa, Fisher 8 (Foligno) 2:54 (pp)
2. N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 7 (Gaborik) 4:40
Penalties — Rozsival NYR (high-sticking) 1:33, Frolov NYR (boarding) 5:45, Foligno Ott (tripping) 10:09, Boogaard NYR (fighting), Carkner Ott (fighting, misconduct) 17:29, Dubinsky NYR (roughing) 19:36.
Second Period
3. Ottawa, Spezza 7 (Karlsson, Gonchar) 0:34 (pp)
4. N.Y. Rangers, Fedotenko 5 (Gaborik, Rozsival) 1:43
5. Ottawa, Fisher 9 (Foligno, Campoli) 8:47
Penalties — Phillips Ott (slashing) 10:03, Kuba Ott (interference) 13:54.
Third Period
6. N.Y. Rangers, Christensen 5 (Rozsival, Eminger) 3:30
7. N.Y. Rangers, Sauer 1 (Prust, Avery) 14:41 (pp)
8. N.Y. Rangers, Dubinsky 13, 19:08 (en)
Penalties — Rozsival NYR (hooking) 4:29, Neil Ott (charging) 12:46.
Shots

N.Y. Rangers	6	15	7	28
Ottawa	10	10	7	27

Goal — Edmonton: Lundqvist (W,12-10-1); Ottawa: Elliott (L,10-9-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — N.Y. Rangers: 1-4; Ottawa: 2-4.
Att. — 16,324 (19,153) at Ottawa.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Crosby, Pgh	26	24	50
Stamkos, TB	21	19	40
Ovechkin, Wash	12	23	35
St. Louis, TB	11	23	34
Semin, Wash	18	15	33
B.Richards, Dal	12	21	33
D.Sedin, Vcr	15	17	32
Backstrom, Wash	11	21	32
Datsyuk, Det	9	22	31
H.Sedin, Vcr	3	28	31
Sharp, Chi	17	13	30
Perry, Ana	13	17	30
Hejduk, Col	10	20	30

Not including last night's games

GOLF

AUSTRALIAN PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

At Coolum, Australia
Par: 72
First Round

Andrew Buckle, Australia	33-31—64
Bobby Gates, United States	31-33—64
Liang Wenchong, China	30-36—66
Steven Bowditch, Australia	32-34—66
Peter Fowler, Australia	31-35—66
Matthew Millar, Australia	33-34—67
James Nitties, Australia	35-32—67
Andre Stolz, Australia	37-30—67
Akio Sadakata, Japan	34-33—67
Kieran Pratt, Australia	32-35—67
Matthew Griffin, Australia	32-36—68
Adam Crawford, Australia	34-34—68
Brad Kennedy, Australia	32-36—68
Gareth Paddison, New Zealand	34-34—68
Bradley Hughes, Australia	36-32—68
Tony Carolan, Australia	35-33—68
Rod Pampling, Australia	33-35—68
Anthony Summers, Australia	34-34—68
Scott Laycock, Australia	34-34—68
Aaron Townsend, Australia	33-35—68
Also	
Ronald Harvey, Sussex, N.B.	**37-36—73**

DUBAI LADIES MASTERS

At Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Par: 72
Second Round

Lydia Hall, Wales	70-67—137
Anna Nordqvist, Sweden	70-68—138
Iben Tinning, Denmark	70-69—139
Marianne Skarpnord, Norway	69-71—140
Maria Verchenova, Russia	68-72—140
Melissa Reid, England	70-70—140
Christina Kim, United States	73-68—141
Carling Coffing, United States	70-71—141
Morgana Robbertze, South Africa	69-72—141
Tandi Cuningham, South Africa	72-70—142
Suh Bo-mi, South Korea	69-73—142
Maria Hernandez, Spain	70-72—142
Kym Larratt, England	70-72—142
Florentyna Parker, England	67-75—142
Gwladys Nocera, France	73-69—142

LPGA TOUR QUALIFYING TOURNAMEN

At Daytona Beach, Fla.
Champions Course: 6,389 yards, par-72
Legends Course: 6,468 yards, par-72
Second Round
a-amateur

Libby Smith	67-69—136
Pornanong Phatlum	72-66—138
Jimin Jeong	69-69—138
Aree Song	67-72—139
Reilley Rankin	67-73—140
Belen Mozo	68-72—140
Shasta Averyhardt	70-71—141
Mollie Fankhauser	70-71—141
Sarah Brown	73-70—143
Jeehae Lee	71-72—143
Jin Young Pak	72-71—143
Allison Fouch	71-72—143
Caroline Hedwall	71-73—144
Lisa Ferrero	74-70—144
Katie Kempter	72-72—144
a-Jessica Korda	72-72—144
Nicole Jeray	70-74—144
Dewi Claire Schreefel	70-74—144
Angela Oh	70-74—144
Nicole Hage	71-73—144
Sara Brown	72-73—145
Leah Wigger	75-70—145
Nanette Hill	73-72—145
Cathryn Bristow	73-72—145
Jennifer Johnson	71-74—145
Dori Carter	71-74—145
a-Harukyo Nomura	76-69—145
Amelia Lewis	72-73—145
Jenny Suh	74-71—145
Pernilla Lindberg	68-77—145
Paola Moreno	72-74—146
Also	
Angela Buzminski	**70-77—147**
Adrienne White	**71-76—147**
Isabelle Beisiegel	**72-76-148**
Stephanie Sherlock	**74-74—148**
Samantha Richdale	**77-72-149**
Seema Sadekar	**77-73-150**
Ashley Smith	**78-74-152**
Jessica Shepley	**74-79-153**
Sue Kim	**78-76-154**
Kirby Dreher	**77-78-155**

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Boston	18	4	.818	—
d-Orlando	15	6	.714	2½
Atlanta	15	8	.652	3½
Miami	15	8	.652	3½
New York	14	9	.609	4½
d-Chicago	12	8	.600	5
Indiana	10	10	.500	7
Charlotte	8	13	.381	9½
Milwaukee	8	13	.381	9½
Toronto	8	14	.364	10
Cleveland	7	15	.318	11
Philadelphia	7	15	.318	11
Detroit	7	16	.304	11½
Washington	6	15	.286	11½
New Jersey	6	16	.273	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	18	3	.857	—
Dallas	17	4	.810	1
d-L.A. Lakers	16	6	.727	2½
d-Utah	16	7	.696	3
New Orleans	14	7	.667	4
Oklahoma City	15	8	.652	4
Denver	13	8	.619	5
Phoenix	11	11	.500	7½
Portland	10	11	.476	8
Memphis	9	14	.391	10
Houston	8	13	.381	10
Golden State	8	14	.364	10½
Sacramento	5	15	.250	12½
Minnesota	5	17	.227	13½
L.A. Clippers	5	18	.217	14

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Last night's results
Boston 102 Philadelphia 101
Dallas 102 New Jersey 89
Orlando at Portland
Wednesday's results
Boston 105 Denver 89
Chicago 88 Cleveland 83
New York 113 Toronto 110
Milwaukee 97 Indiana 95
Oklahoma City 111 Minnesota 103
New Orleans 93 Detroit 74
San Antonio 111 Golden State 94
Memphis 104 Phoenix 98 (OT)
Miami 111 Utah 98
Sacramento 116 Washington 91
L.A. Lakers 87 L.A. Clippers 86
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Denver at Toronto, 7 p.m.
New York at Washington, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Houston at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

LEAGUE LEADERS

SCORING

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	19	168	160	524	27.6
Bryant, LAL	22	201	154	585	26.6
Stoudemire, NYK	23	221	143	590	25.7
Rose, CHI	19	183	82	477	25.1
Nowitzki, DAL	21	202	103	523	24.9
Ellis, GOL	22	208	94	540	24.5
Gordon, LAC	21	164	154	510	24.3
James, MIA	23	184	162	555	24.1
Westbrook, OKC	23	182	176	546	23.7
Anthony, DEN	20	157	127	455	22.8
Martin, HOU	21	130	165	470	22.4
Wade, MIA	22	167	136	484	22.0
Beasley, MIN	20	177	68	440	22.0
Williams, UTA	23	168	132	501	21.8
Granger, IND	20	151	81	432	21.6
Gay, MEM	23	191	82	496	21.6
Bargnani, TOR	22	178	86	466	21.2
Scola, HOU	21	178	85	441	21.0
Howard, ORL	19	139	120	398	20.9

FG PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Hilario, DEN	90	145	.621
Gasol, MEM	99	161	.615
Young, PHL	110	185	.595
Horford, ATL	164	278	.590

Not including last night's games

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired SS J.J. Hardy and INF Brendan Harris from Minnesota Twins RHP Jim Hoey, RHP Brett Jacobson and cash considerations.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP D.J. Carrasco to a two-year contract and C Ronny Paulino on a one-year contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Acquired RHP Cesar Valdez from Arizona to complete an earlier trade. American Association
EL PASO DIABLOS—Signed RHP Scott Vander Weg.

FRONTIER LEAGUE

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed OF Phil Colling.
OAKLAND COUNTY CRUISERS—Signed 2B Ray Stokes.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS—Exercised the 2011 contract options on LHP Bryan Banes, RHP Eric Blackwell, LHP Jonny Bravo, RHP Scott Dunn, RHP Michael Moore, RHP Scott Mueller, RHP Ryan Platt, C Andrew Marshall, INF Chase Burch, INF Michael Diaz, INF Chris Engell, INF Kyle Eveland, INF Brad Miller, INF C.J. Ziegler, OF Matt Brown, and OF Jason Codiroli.

BASKETBALL

NBA

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Assigned G Sherron Collins to Maine (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed LB Alex Joseph to the practice squad.

CFL

CALGARY STAMPEDERS—Promoted Dave Dickenson to offensive coordinator.

HOCKEY

NHL

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned F Jeremy Morin and F Rob Klinkhammer to Rockford (AHL).
EDMONTON OILERS—Recalled F Linus Omark and C Ryan O'Marra from Oklahoma City (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Acquired C Levi Nelson from Boston Bruins for LW Juraj Simek and assigned Nelson to Norfolk (AHL).

AHL

PEORIA RIVERMEN—Released D Jake Gannon.

BASKETBALL

NCAA

AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

(All times Eastern)
Last night's results
No. 2 Ohio State 75 IUPUI 64
Temple 68 **No. 9** Georgetown 65
Tonight's games
No Games Scheduled.
Tomorrow's games
No. 1 Duke vs. Saint Louis, Noon
No. 3 Pittsburgh vs. **No. 11** Tennessee, 3:15 p.m.
No. 4 Kansas vs. Colorado State, 6:30 p.m.
No. 5 Kansas State at Loyola of Chicago, 4 p.m.
No. 7 Michigan State vs. Oakland, Mich. (at Auburn Hills, Mich.), 12:30 p.m.
No. 8 Syracuse vs. Colgate, 7 p.m.
No. 14 San Diego State vs. San Diego, 10 p.m.
No. 15 Missouri vs. Presbyterian, 5 p.m.
No. 17 Kentucky vs. Indiana, 5:15 p.m.
No. 18 BYU vs. Arizona, 6 p.m.
No. 19 Purdue vs. North Florida, 6:30 p.m.
No. 20 UNLV at **No. 24** Louisville, Noon
No. 21 Washington at Texas A&M, 4:30 p.m.
No. 22 Minnesota vs. Eastern Kentucky, 1 p.m.
No. 23 Notre Dame vs. Gonzaga, 8:30 p.m.
No. 25 Texas vs. Texas State, 4 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	379	269
N.Y. Jets	9	3	0	.750	267	232
Miami	6	6	0	.500	215	238
Buffalo	2	10	0	.167	243	333

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	257	300
Indianapolis	7	6	0	.538	347	317
Houston	5	7	0	.417	288	321
Tennessee	5	8	0	.385	290	265

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	267	191
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	260	201
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	229	239
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	255	322

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	4	0	.667	295	237
Oakland	6	6	0	.500	283	269
San Diego	6	6	0	.500	323	253
Denver	3	9	0	.250	256	333

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	308	247
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	344	281
Washington	5	7	0	.417	222	293
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	294	336

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	304	233
New Orleans	9	3	0	.750	299	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	243	251
Carolina	1	11	0	.083	154	307

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	246	192
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	303	182
Minnesota	5	7	0	.417	227	253
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	278	306

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	240	289
St. Louis	6	6	0	.500	232	237
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	203	259
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	200	338

WEEK 14

Last night's result
Indianapolis 30 Tennessee 28
Sunday's games
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
St. Louis at New Orleans, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Denver at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.
Monday's game
Baltimore at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA

All Times Eastern
Saturday, Dec. 18
NEW MEXICO BOWL
At Albuquerque, N.M.
Texas-El Paso (6-6) vs. Brigham Young (6-6), 2 p.m.
HUMANITARIAN BOWL
At Boise, Idaho
Northern Illinois (10-3) vs. Fresno State (8-4), 5:30 p.m.
NEW ORLEANS BOWL
Ohio (8-4) vs. Troy (7-5), 9 p.m.

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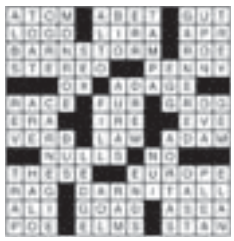
Crossword



Across
1 Source of PIN money?
4 Colorful fish
8 Watercraft
12 Weep
13 Assess
14 Therefore
15 Trouble
17 Halt
18 Moral principles
19 That girl
21 Thickness
22 Frank
26 Binge
29 A handful
30 Greek vowel
31 Be in charge of
32 Path
33 Cripple
34 Cleo's slayer
35 Carton
36 Nervous
37 Empty talk
39 Young fellow
40 "Help!"
41 Porthos' pal
45 Plumbing problem
48 Portable cooker
50 Servitude symbol
51 Busy with
52 Performance
53 Paradise
54 Hammer part
55 "Quiet!"

Down
1 Rue the run
2 Run
3 Legend
4 Authoritative decider
5 Easy mark
6 Consumed
7 Pennsylvania city
8 Harass
9 Scrap
10 Past
11 Upper limit
16 Used a paper towel
20 Explanation
23 College VIP
24 Elevator name
25 Ready for anything
26 Persian bigwig
27 Mexican money
28 Engrossed
29 Transmit by wire
32 Put on a pedestal
33 Olympics award
35 Resume
36 Sport fish
38 Colorado ski mecca
39 Starbucks order
42 "Serpico" author Peter
43 Desire
44 Brother of Cain and Abel
45 Coloring agent
46 Scepter
47 Eisenhower
49 Indivisible

▶ Yesterday's answer



Sudoku

			3			1		
7	8						5	
		2			6		7	
	2	7	4	6			9	
1								2
	9			5	2	4	3	
	3		8			9		
	4						8	6
		5			1			

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A look at the weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Min -13° Max -11°	Min -17° Max -15°	Min -17° Max -15°

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Weather Specialist
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 A plan of some kind may come unstuck but don't blame it on those around you. As Mercury, planet of communication and the mind, begins its retrograde phase setbacks of one kind or another are to be expected.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may want to confide in a friend or colleague today but is that wise? Can they be trusted with sensitive information?

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Stop counting your losses and start counting your blessings. It may be easy to wallow in self-pity but if you make an effort to look on the bright side today you will quickly realize just how fortunate you are

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Chances are you will fall out with a loved one or someone in a position of power over the next 24 hours. But that's okay. Every now and again you have to have these quarrels to clear the air.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 The reason why something that worked well for you in the past now seems to be going wrong is because you made changes that were not needed.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your opinions could get you into trouble today, especially if what you say offends people in positions of power. Will that warning stop you? Most likely not. With Mercury, your ruler, turning retrograde you just can't help yourself.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You may see plots and conspiracies wherever you look but do so many people really have it in for you, or is your imagination playing tricks on you? It's the latter, of course

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Your task today is to do whatever it takes to put the smiles back on the faces of friends and relatives who seem to be a bit depressed.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You may be tempted to give up on a plan that isn't making much headway but don't be too hasty. Over the next few weeks, while Mercury is retrograde, you are advised to leave it alone for a bit – but don't abandon it altogether.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Don't get into a situation where you have to commit yourself to something that you may not want to be associated with in the long-term.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You will be prone to negative thoughts today, not because anything bad is happening but because your mind is looking for reasons to highlight what's going wrong rather than what's going right.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Compromise is out of the question today.

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SX4 Hatchback JLX shown

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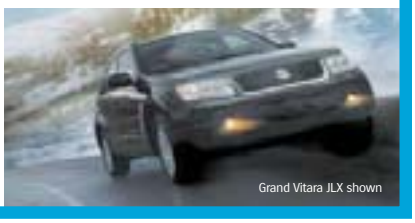
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Grand Vitara JLX shown

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